MOTOR MOUTH

By GEORGE FOWLER

the Seat

IMAGE

HERE'S how the Seat Leon 2.0 FSI fares image-wise.

REAR MIRROR MONSTER: Creates the impression of a far larger car, with its Audi-style grille and huge slitty headlights. Trouble is, its a Leon and it's way OTT.

BACKSIDE BEAUTY: Super-smart. Massive eye-shaped lights cut deep into the hatch, there's a big silver "S" badge that doubles as the boot handle and it sits on fat 16-inch alloys and a big twin exhaust.

PLAYTIME PLEASER: I'll say. Dual-zone climate control, trip computer, four electric windows, electric mirrors, central locking, CD-stereo with steering wheel controls.

NAUGHTY NIGGLES: Twin cup-holders rendered virtually useless by being sited next to the handbrake and behind the gear-lever. Tiny glovebox is not much more than a hand-book holder.

TASTY TOUCHES: Tall windscreen wipers invisibly park in slots down the side of the windscreen pillars. Map pocket in back of front passenger seat. Net pocket on left side of boot.

FAST OR LAST: Not exactly a stormer, especially from standstill, but if worked, the standard six-speed box makes it excellent in mid-range.

WONGA WONDER: Well equipped and with a big motor, it's three grand cheaper than the equivalent Golf. It's nowhere near as nice, but it's still a VW, which makes it good value.

WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT? Definitely not. Tracey plans to go clubbing, not to become a mum.

CLEAN MACHINE: Leon looks smart from every angle on the outside, but it all goes wrong once you get inside

holders, or anything. Below this barren desert hangs a sagging mass of grey plastic dotted with black buttons aound the CD-radio.

Even the instrument cluster that houses the speedo and rev-counter is set deep into a grey plastic binnacle. The instruments are in, you guessed it, black.

The seats are grey and black, and in the case of the car I drove they were trimmed in a deep red and black cloth.

Neat

In the back it gets even darker as the sloping roof comes down towards the top of your head. But at least there's stacks of leg room, while the door handles, hidden in the rear window pillar like an Alfa 156, are a neat touch.

The whole interior result, however, isn't good. You'd expect lots of silver trim to light it all up and make it racy, but apart from the door handles there's little joy.

Welcome to Dullsville, where the locals don't seem to have a lot to spend. Driving this Leon isn't much better, either. Yep, it does everything it says on the box, but it's just not much fun.

It's reasonably quick from the lights, and surprisingly fast in mid-range, making it far too easy to hit a ton without realising it.

Sadly, though, it's all accompanied by a huge amount of road noise. Is this because of its stiff chassis and low-profiles reflecting every change of road surface? Or has Seat – one of VW's budget badges – spent as much on sound-deadening as they appear to have on the interior?

Oh well, at least the steering is light and accurate and the road-holding is what you might call "tidy", provided you don't push too hard when it will suddenly fall away like a sky diver who forgot his parachute, which is quite scary.

Massive

I didn't like the new Leon from the moment I first drove it.

It's five inches longer and an inch wider and taller, which should leave a lot more room for improvement, but apart from a massive boot, which is five feet deep with the seats folded down, I can't find anything that I'd really warm to.

It's highly functional, brilliantly equipped and will no doubt prove as reliable as the robots that built it.

Sadly, though, this once smashing car also responds like a robot.

It's lost its little character, and that's sad.

FACT FILE

PRICE (on the road): £14,220. (range: £11,295 - £16,495).
ENGINE: 1,984cc, all-alloy, DOHC, 16-valve, with variable valve timing (180bhp, 152lb torque).
TOP SPEED: 128 mph; 0-62 mph: 8.8 secs.
MPG: Urban: 38.1; extra urban: 61.4; combined: 50.4.
CO_2: 197 g/km.
INS GROUP: 9.

It's a girl thing...

THE soft-top Mini One wouldn't beat a moped up a hill and has the road-holding of Bambi on a glacier. I hate it.

The Cooper is slightly faster, which lifts it from "disastrous" to "pathetic" while the Cooper S is OK – in a straight line.

However, that's just my opinion, so to be fair I arranged for Daily Star secretary Natasha Jones, 29, to drive a Cooper for a weekend.

So here's what she had to say. And it tells us everything we need to know about girls. They just want to have fun.

Over to you, Natasha: "I loved it. I completely, utterly, adored it.

"I can't tell you how much I so, so, want this car. It made me feel wonderful. Did I try it out for speed? What do you mean? Look, girls don't drive like you.

"The roof goes down easily. The interior is smart and I love the old fashion-style dials.

"Oh, it's so cute. I can't fault it in any way. It's definitely worth the money. It's very quick and is a real head turner. A real girly car!

"It's got a little character all of its own."

Girls know nothing.

CONVERTED: Natasha and roofless Mini

Bargain bye

PEUGEOT have loaded up the goodies and dropped prices at the same time on their 206 range in advance of the model being replaced by the 207 around next April.

It means, of course, that there are some tidy little deals to be had. All 1.1-litre versions have been axed, with the range now starting at £8,195 for a 1.4-litre "Urban" edition. Next up is the "Verve" range, starting at £9,295, which is followed by this very smart 1.4-litre, two-door "Sport" model pictured below.

It features air-con, tasty full body colour-coding, central locking, leccy windows, heated electric door mirrors, foglights (don't look thick, they're for when it's foggy), leather-trimmed steering wheel, a flash "sports" interior with lots of aluminium trim, "sports" bumpers and these stylish 15-inch alloys.

How's that for £10,195? Good value, I'd say.

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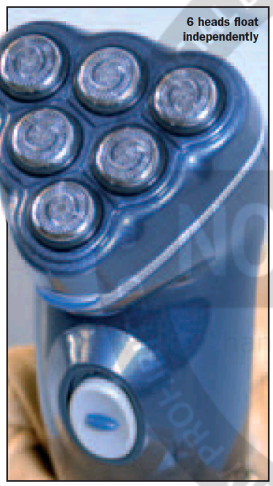
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NOTHING'S ALL-WHITE FOR VAN MAN

RUDE by name, rude by nature ... that's how most folk see White Van Man.

In fact, it's actually time we all said a big "aaah" for one of Britain's most despised drivers.

And that's because these poor little lambs aren't horrible at all.

Oh no. Sometimes they can be a bit irritable, but it's only because they're "stressed".

Traffic jams, speed cameras, taxi drivers. You name it. They get wound up.

White Van Man has been given the chance to tell his side of the story in a nationwide survey by car and truck rental outfit Ryder.

Jams

A massive 80% of drivers say conditions have become increasingly stressful over the past three years.

Traffic jams caused by the sheer volume of traffic on the roads was the top complaint, followed by road works (64%), parking restrictions (47%) and speed cameras (46%).

Next up was taxi drivers at 45%. One delivery driver said: "Who do they think they are? They cut in front, jump queues and push in at the last minute."

Pressure to deliver goods on time (36%) was also a big problem, followed by bus drivers (29%) and women drivers (21%).

Other complains were: "People who don't indicate"; "School run mums"; "4x4 drivers crawling around taking up two lanes"; "Middle lane motorway drivers".

Finally, and here's a shock: "Other road users."

To deal with the stress, White Van Man admits to a number of techniques which are now familiar to many of us. One in three admit shouting and swearing, 14% make hand gestures or beep their horn and 11% actually "scream".

More worryingly for their health, 28% smoke while just one in five play their favourite music to help them calm down.

TOP 10 CAR SALES

OCTOBER			2005		
1	Ford Focus	9,534	1	Ford Focus	126,567
2	Vauxhall Astra	7,369	2	Vauxhall Astra	93,446
3	Renault Mégane	7,021	3	VauxhallCorsa	79,457
4	Ford Fiesta	5,247	4	Renault Mégane	76,737
5	VW Golf	4,675	5	Ford Fiesta	73,009
6	Vauxhall Corsa	4,197	6	Peugeot 206	61,138
7	Ford Mondeo	3,993	7	VW Golf	58,492
8	Peugeot 206	3,714	8	Renault Clio	52,064
9	VW Polo	3,362	9	Ford Mondeo	50,780
10	VW Passat	3,275	10	Mini	38,762

Source: SMMT

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TRADESMEN are spending more and more on transport, from the smallest microvans to the largest panel vans and pick-ups and as a result sales for vans were up 8.5 per cent last year, from just over 300,000 to nearly 330,000.

With increased sales comes an increase in choice and whether you are looking to buy, lease or hire a van it's important that you choose the right one for your business needs. You need to make sure the van can cope with the load you intend to carry. The doors need to be wide and high enough for your cargo and you need to ensure your goods will remain stable once it's loaded up. For most drivers their van is also their office so comfort and safety are also important factors to consider.

Microvans are the smallest commercial vehicles available. Based on a car but without the back seats they're nippy, economical, practical, easy to park and great to drive. The Ford Fiesta Van is popular and has great headroom and legroom and 1.013 cu.m load space. The Peugeot 206 Van looks stylish and includes power steering and excellent safety and security features. Other models in this category include the Fiat Punto, Renault Clio, Vauxhall Corsa van and Citroen's C2 Enterprise.

Next up are the small vans that typically have 3.0cu m of carrying space and can move weights of around 500 – 800kg. The Renault Kangoo has the option of one or two side loading doors, power steering, central locking and a traditional design. In contrast Vauxhall's Astravan Sportive looks like a three-door estate car, no side access but is popular thanks to its superb handling.

Mid range vans are growing in popularity and include the Mercedes-Benz Vito, Citroen Dispatch and Fiat Scudo. Generally these vans have load bays of around 5.0cu m to 6.0cu m. The Renault Traffic and Vauxhall Vivaro are similar in appearance. Both are cost effective to maintain and a six-speed gearbox is available on some models.

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DOBBIN INJURY SCARE

DOBBIN: Blow

TONY DOBBIN faces a race against time to be fit to ride Brooklyn Breeze in the Paddy Power Gold Cup after injuring his shoulder in a fall at Taunton yesterday..

Hospital X-rays have revealed nothing is broken but the jockey has been left "very sore" after being unseated from Raheel at the first flight in the South West Racing Experience Selling Handicap Hurdle.

"Tony will definitely not be riding at Newcastle tomorrow and is doubtful for Saturday. The good news is nothing is broken," said his

■ *by PETER THICKETT*

agent Richard Hale. "He will be having plenty of physio tomorrow and we'll take it from there. It is painful, he's very sore and it may be he has to take a few days off. We shall have to see."

Should Dobbin be sidelined, Jim Crowley is likely to come in for the ride on Brooklyn Breeze in the big race at Cheltenham tomorrow.

Trainer Len Lungo said: "Thankfully Tony's injury is not as bad as was first feared. Obviously it's short notice to change jockeys but Jim Crowley will probably ride if Tony can't, although I'll have to check it with the owners first."

Brooklyn Breeze, who is as low as 7-1 for the £110,000 handicap chase on the second day of the Open meeting, made a pleasing reappearance when winning over hurdles at Aintree three weeks ago.

Moscow Flyer came through his final schooling session with flying colours before he starts a new winter campaign at Navan on Sunday.

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GOING: Good to Soft-Soft in Places

PLACEPOT: First six races.

1.00 JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE
Class E (*9 flights*) 2m (14 runners) £3,488

1 125 **TOSS THE CABER (13)(D,F)** K G Reveley 3 11 5 **P Kinsella(10)** ★93
2 60 **CASALESE (F6)** M D Hammond 3 10 12 **K Renwick** —
3 0 **COLEORTON DANE (30)** K Ryan 3 10 12 **G Lee** 26
4 **COMPTON CLASSIC (F8)** J Goldie 3 10 12 **A Dempsey** —
5 3P **DENNICK (63)(BF)** P Haslam 3 10 12 **F Keniry** 56
6 0 **KALAWOUN (22)** F Murphy 3 10 12 **A Thornton** —
7 4 **LODGICIAN (22)** J J Quinn 3 10 12 **R McGrath** 71
8 0 **SINGHALONGTASVEER (22)(T)** W Storey 3 10 12 **N Mulholland** 19
9 **TARKAR** J Howard Johnson 3 10 12 **D McGann(5)** —
10 44 **TRUCKLE (8)** C Fairhurst 3 10 12 **D C Costello(5)** 78
11 3 **PATXARAN (48)(BF)(T)** P Haslam 3 10 5 **R Stephens(5)** 73
12 0 **PORT D'ARGENT (22)** Mrs H Graham 3 10 5 **T Messenger(7)** —
13 0 **SHAANBAR (8)** J Hetherton 3 10 5 **M Bradburne** 34
14 **WITH HONOURS (F29)** T J FitzGerald 3 10 5 **P Whelan** —

Star Betting:— 3 Patxaran, 7-2 Toss The Caber, 5 Lodgician, 6 Tarkar, 10 Dennick, 12 Kalawoun, Truckle, 14 others.
2004: Classic Event, 3-10-12, (D O'Meara, 4-1) T Easterby, 15 ran.

STARFORM: TOSS THE CABER Dgr: Patxaran

1.35 IBM TOTALSTORAGE BEGINNERS' CHASE
Class E (*17 fences*) 2m4f (7 runners) £3,988

1 0FP2- **DO KEEP UP (269)** J Weymes 8 11 6 **D C Costello(5)** 62
2 2115- **ESKIMO PIE (265)(D2,S)** C Bealby 6 11 6 **N Fehily** —
3 PPP-P **FIFTEEN REDS (7)(G)** J Haynes 10 11 6 **M J McAlister(7)** —
4 1/24- **MOONLIT HARBOUR (376)(F,G,S)** F Murphy 6 11 6 **R McGrath** —
5 P/ **THE ASSOCIATE (1300)** Miss L Russell 8 11 6 **P Buchanan(3)** —
6 15-02 **WEE WILLIAM (35)(G)** T Walford 5 11 6 **R Walford** ★100
7 1141- **WILD CANE RIDGE (222)(D,S)** L Lungo 6 11 6 **G Lee** —

Star Betting:— 7-4 Wild Cane Ridge, 5-2 Moonlit Harbour, 3 Eskimo Pie, 7 Do Keep Up, 14 Wee William, 33 The Associate, 50 Fifteen Reds.
2004: Paddy The Piper, 7-11-0, (A Dobbin, 4-6 fav) L Lungo, 5 ran.

S: MOONLIT HARBOUR D: Wild Cane Ridge

TRACKFACTS Left-hand course of one mile six furlongs, with a steadily rising home straight of half a mile and a 220yds run-in. Eleven tough fences and seven hurdles per circuit, suits the galloping type.

2.10 I.T.P.S. 5TH BIRTHDAY NOVICES' HURDLE
Class E (*11 flights*) 2m4f (17 runners) £3,447

1 F/4-1 **BALLYFITZ (19)(G)** N Twiston-Davies 5 11 4 **M Goldstein(7)** 105
2 22-41 **NEW ALCO (20)(S)** F Murphy 4 11 4 **A Thornton** 60
3 321-1 **BRAVE REBELLION (38)(F,G)** K G Reveley 6 10 11 **R McGrath** —
4 0F6/ **CAYMANS GIFT (F43)** A Whillans 5 10 11 **E Whillans(7)** —
5 **DORIS'S GIFT** J Howard Johnson 4 10 11 **L Berridge(7)** —
6 4F25- **EM'S ROYALTY (215)** A Parker 8 10 11 **A Dempsey** 100
7 05-P **GAELIC JIG (188)(T)** J Charlton 6 10 11 **Michal Kohl(3)** —
8 0-2 **HOCKENHEIM (14)** J Howard Johnson 4 10 11 **G Lee** 73
9 400-0 **JETHRO TULL (14)(D,G)** G Harker 6 10 11 **B Gibson** 63
10 -32D0 **KING'S PROTECTOR (156)(BF)** M D Hammond 5 10 11 **N Mulholland** 73
11 0- **LADE BRAES (203)** J Howard Johnson 4 10 11 **B Hughes(7)** —
12 05P/P **MOONZIE LAIRD (12)(S)** J Billinge 7 10 11 **F King(3)** —
13 55- **PRIMITIVE REBEL (363)** H Hogarth 6 10 11 **D O'Meara** —
14 00/6 **RECTORY (16)** Mrs S J Smith 6 10 11 **D Elsworth** 19
15 00P **SHEM DYLAN (12)** R C Guest 6 10 11 **J Flavin(10)** —
16 BP/P- **THORSGILL (399)** M Todhunter 7 10 11 **G Berridge(3)** —
17 423 **TONI ALCALA (40)(P)** R Fisher 6 10 11 **J A McCarthy** ★108

Star Betting:— 3 Brave Rebellion, 4 Hockenheim, 5 Ballyfitz, 6 New Alco, 8 King's Protector, 12 Toni Alcala, 14 Em's Royalty, 16 others.
2004: Tynedale, 5-10-11, (P Robson(3), 20-1) Mrs A Hamilton, 12 ran.

STARFORM: HOCKENHEIM Danger: New Alco

2.45 CELLULAR SOLUTIONS H'CAP CHASE
Class E (*20 fences*) 3m (9 runners) £4,060

1 6414- **HAS SCORED (245)(G)** F Murphy 7 11 12 **R McGrath** 86
2 -4110 **LUTIN DU MOULIN (22)(F,G,S)(B)** L Lungo 6 11 5 ---------- 87
3 P/4-0 **ALMIRE DU LIA (20)(C2,S)(V)** Mrs S Bradburne 7 11 4 **M Bradburne** —
4 430-F **BEHAVINGBADLY (20)(D2,S)** A Parker 10 11 3 **A Dempsey** 99
5 05/1F **INFINI (40)(F,G,S)** Mrs S J Smith 9 11 3 **D Elsworth** 87
6 F5-P6 **SCOTCH CORNER (17)(BF,D,F,G)** N Twiston-Davies 7 11 1 **M Goldstein(7)** 98
7 2P3P/ **KUNG HEI FAT CHOI (686)(D,G,S)** J Goldie 10 10 7 **G Lee** —
8 -F251 **RED PERK (14)(G,S)(P)** R C Guest 8 10 1 **K Johnson** 102
9 2/001 **DEVONDALE (7)(F,S)** F Murphy 9 10 0 **P McDonald(7)** ★121

LONG HANDICAP: Devondale 9-13.
Star Betting:— 4 Devondale, 5 Infini, 6 Lutin Du Moulin, Red Perk, 7 Has Scored, Scotch Corner, 8 Behavingbadly, 16 others.
2004: Just In Debt, 8-11-12, (A Dobbin, 8-1) M Todhunter, 4 ran.

STARFORM: DEVONDALE Danger: Red Perk

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) L Lungo 11 winners, (12% strike rate), -£59.98, F Murphy 9, (9%), -£62.21, M Todhunter 8, (26%), +£35.63, R Johnson 8, (9%), -£16.13, J Howard Johnson 8, (12%), -£14.12, K G Reveley 7, (27%), +£4.60, R C Guest 7, (12%), +£9.50.

3.20 O2 HANDICAP HURDLE
Class F (*11 flights*) 2m4f (20 runners) £3,022

1 6P5-0 **BALLYNURE (20)** Mrs L Normile 7 11 12 **D Flavin(5)** 47
2 06P0- **OUR JASPER (223)** K G Reveley 5 11 10 **R McGrath** 15
3 U6606 **TIGER TALK (7)(D,F,G)(B)** R C Guest 9 11 10 **J Moorman(10)** 37
4 /P0P- **CAPTAIN'S LEAP (237)(G)** L Lungo 9 11 10 **B Gibson** —
5 50-05 **VILLAGO (F25)** E W Tuer 5 11 9 **F King(3)** 53
6 F-55F **SILVER SEDGE (7)(C,S)** Mrs A Hamilton 6 11 7 **G Berridge(3)** 64
7 6024- **PIRAEUS (255)** R Johnson 6 11 7 **K Johnson** 70
8 43-PP **KYBER (F10)** R Fisher 4 11 7 **J A McCarthy** ★85
9 -0P42 **HELLO BABY (34)(D,S)** A Whillans 5 11 7 **E Whillans(7)** 49
10 600P- **IOWA (253)** J O'Keeffe 5 11 6 **B Orde-Powlett(7)** 26
11 05000 **NIFTY ROY (35)(G)** K Hogg 5 11 4 **F Keniry** 48
12 2454P **KYLE OF LOCHALSH (F27)** J Goldie 5 11 4 **G Lee** 68
13 /640- **CAESAREAN HUNTER (213)(T,P)** R Phillips 6 11 2 **W Marston** 31
14 0000/ **FIRST GREY (601)** E W Tuer 6 11 2 **P Kinsella(7)** —
15 22-2P **GIMME SHELTER (5)(S)** S Marshall 11 11 1 **M J McAlister(7)** 82
16 064-0 **TERRAMARIQUE (188)** L Lungo 6 11 0 ---------- 62
17 0-00P **LEONIA'S ROSE (35)** Miss L Russell 6 10 13 **P Buchanan(3)** 35
18 00PP4 **HAPTHOR (20)** F Jestin 6 10 12 **P McDonald(7)** —
19 -5252 **MINSTER ABBI (12)(P)** W Storey 5 10 11 **N Mulholland** 71
20 00-R6 **BALLINRUANE (176)** B Rothwell 6 10 10 **A Ross** 26

Star Betting:— 6 Minster Abbi, 7 Caesarean Hunter, 8 Kyle of Lochalsh, Terramarique, 10 Silver Sedge, Hello Baby, 12 others.
2004: Kings Square, 4-11-3, (Mr T Greenall(5), 6-1) M W Easterby, 13 ran.

S'FORM: KYLE OF LOCHALSH Dgr: Hello Baby

3.55 HANDICAP CHASE
Class E (*14 fences*) 2m½f (7 runners) £3,920

1 23-35 **OSO MAGIC (14)(F)** Mrs S J Smith 7 11 12 **D Elsworth** ★99
2 52-53 **BOB'S BUSTER (42)(D5,F,G,S)(P)** R Johnson 9 11 5 **K Johnson** 88
3 22-40 **GLENFARCLAS BOY (22)(D,S)** Miss L Russell 9 11 2 **P Buchanan(3)** 89
4 20314 **KARO DE VINDECY (45)(BF,F,G)** M D Hammond 7 11 0 **G Lee** 92
5 14535 **APADI (40)(D3,F,G,S)** R C Guest 9 10 13 **L McGrath(3)** 91
6 500-P **SUPERIOR WEAPON (34)(CD,D2,F,G,S)(T)** A Robson 11 10 3 **A Dempsey** 86
7 616-U **WILFUL LORD (7)(G)(T)** J Wade 8 10 2 **L Vickers(3)** 82

Star Betting:— 5-2 Oso Magic, 7-2 Karo De Vindecy, 5 Bob's Buster, 6 Wilful Lord, 7 Glenfarclas Boy, Apadi, 12 Superior Weapon.
2004: Superior Weapon, 10-10-7, (G Lee, 11-8) Mrs A Hamilton, 4 ran.

STARFORM: OSO MAGIC Danger: Wilful Lord

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1.25 betdirect.co.uk NURSERY HCAP (Div 1)
Class 5 2YO 7f (12 runners) £4,027

1 (6) 50215 **IL CASTAGNO (20)(D,G)** B Smart 9 7 **Paul Eddery** 61
2 (3) 43003 **MOCHA JAVA (18)** P Cole 9 3 **N De Souza(3)** 44
3(11) 23001 **ASTORYGOESWITHIT (18)(CD,A)(P)** J C Poulton 9 2 **J Egan** 37
4 (1) 054 **BAKLAWA (66)(BF)(B*)** B Meehan 9 1 **J Fortune** 44
5 (2) 52005 **SANDWITH (4)** J Moffatt 9 0 **P Mathers(5)** 58
6 (4) 64045 **LENOIR (13)(V*)** V Smith 8 13 **M Tebbutt** ★67
7 (9) 6152 **SOOTHSAY (22)(F)** J Hills 8 13 **E Ahern** 61
8(10) 00404 **MOI AUSSI (7)(B*)** Sir M Prescott 8 12 **J Mackay** 57
9 (5) 03000 **COMMANDER WISH (6)** Lucinda Featherstone 8 11 **N Chalmers(3)** 58
10 (7) 11 **MR RIGSBY (2)(CD,C,A)** P Howling 9 4(7ex) **F Lynch** 31
11(12) 0660 **BALLYBEG (33)** R Hannon 8 10 **C Catlin** 53
12 (8) 000 **SONG OF SILENCE (15)** E Dunlop 8 8 **M Dwyer** 37

LONG HANDICAP: Mr Rigsby 8-11.
Star Betting:— 4 Baklawa, 5 Mr Rigsby, 11-2 Il Castagno, 7 Astorygoeswithit, Song of Silence, 8 Soothsay, Moi Aussi, 10 others.
BEST DRAWN: Commander Wish (dr 5) 11%, Mr Rigsby (dr 7) & Lenoir (dr 4) 10%.
2004: Compton Quay, 9-1, (J D Smith, 5-1) A King, dr (12), 12 ran.

STARFORM: MR RIGSBY II Danger: Castagno

2.00 betdirectcasino.com CLAIMING STKS
Class 6 6f (13 runners) £2,979

1 (3) 4000- **EFISTORM (412)(D,G,S)** J Balding 4 9 5 **J Edmunds(3)** —
2 (1) 00000 **NAMIR (8)(S)(V*)** T Barron 3 9 5 **J Fortune** 59
3 (9) 60020 **NORCROFT (25)(CD,D,A,F,G)(P)** Mrs C Dunnett 3 9 5 **I Mongan** 57
4(13) 45550 **SPEED DIAL HARRY (96)(D,A,G,S)(V)** K R Burke 3 9 1 **D P McDonogh** 55
5(10) 35530 **WILLHECONQUERTOO (122)(BF,D,A,F,S)(T,P)** A Reid 5 9 1 **J Egan** ★68
6 (4) 20430 **CHILLY CRACKER (24)(A,S)** R Hollinshead 3 9 0 **G Baker** 59
7(11) **IN A FIT** P Howling 4 9 0 **F Lynch** —
8 (6) 60000 **ALMATY EXPRESS (2)(C,A,F)(P)** J Weymes 3 8 11 **E Ahern** 47
9 (7) 0-0 **DIAMOND DAN (178)** P Evans 3 8 11 **A McCarthy** —
10 (5) 00100 **HARRYS HOUSE (10)(G,S)(V)** J J Quinn 3 8 11 **T Hamilton** 57
11 (8) 43060 **BORN FOR DANCING (24)(S)** B Hills 3 8 10 **M Dwyer** 66
12(12) 06005 **NOVA TOR (6)(C2,A,F,G,S)** Peter Grayson 3 8 10 **R FitzPatrick** 46
13 (2) 0 **ITS ALEX (20)** R Hodges 4 8 7 **P Makin** —

Star Betting:— 5 Born For Dancing, 11-2 Norcroft, 6 Willheconquertoo, 13-2 Namir, 7 Efistorm, 8 Nova Tor, 10 others.
BEST DRAWN: Willheconquertoo (dr 10) 10%, Diamond Dan (dr 7) & Almaty Express (dr 6) 10%.
2004: Golden Dixie, 5-9-5, (D Fox(5), 11-1) C Dwyer, dr (6), 11 ran.

STARFORM: NAMIR Dgr: Born For Dancing

2.35 MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
Class 6 2YO 5f (13 runners) £2,902

1 (9) 003 **OBERGURGL (4)** Mrs A Duffield 8 13 **J Fortune** 49
2 (7) 6 **DESERT DUST (13)** R Cowell 8 11 **DOUBTFUL** 43
3 (4) **TARGER PLACE** T Clement 8 11 **T P Queally** —
4(11) 50600 **BOLD TIGER (11)(B*)** Mrs L Stubbs 8 9 **T Eaves** 63
5 (5) 52020 **SPIRIT OF CONISTON (11)** M Wellings 8 9 **D Fentiman(5)** ★78
6 (6) 02500 **TWINNED (23)(P)** J S Moore 8 9 **J D Walsh(7)** 59
7 (2) 42 **EXEXEL (11)(BF)** P Cole 8 8 **N De Souza(3)** 65
8 (8) 60233 **CANINA (2)** Ms Deborah J Evans 8 6 **E Ahern** 51
9 (1) 3 **GLENVIEWS YOUNGONE (11)** Peter Grayson 8 6 **R FitzPatrick** 64
10 (3) 4 **PENNY THOUGHTS (48)** E S McMahon 8 4 **C Catlin** 56
11(13) 32642 **QUOTE UNQUOTE (11)** Sir M Prescott 8 4 **DOUBTFUL** 69
12(12) 330 **SLIPPERFOOT (21)** J J Quinn 8 2 **M Dwyer** 58
13(10) 42520 **TOMBALINA (2)** J Spearing 8 2 **M Halford(5)** 48

Star Betting:— 5-2 Exexel, 9-2 Penny Thoughts, 5 Glenviews Youngone, 6 Canina, 8 Obergurgl, 10 Spirit of Coniston, 12 others.
BEST DRAWN: Targer Place (drawn 4) & Tombalina (drawn 10) 11%.
2004: Hidden Jewel, 8-9, (G Gibbons, 10-11 fav) B McMahon, drawn (11), 13 ran.

S'FORM: EXEXEL Dgr: Glenviews Youngone

TONY LEWIS	STAR TIP
1.25 BAKLAWA	1.25 MR RIGSBY
2.00 WILLHECONQUERTOO	2.00 WILLHECONQUERTOO
2.35 PENNY THOUGHTS	2.35 EXEXEL
3.10 BALIK PEARLS	3.10 BALIK PEARLS
3.45 FRAAMEX	3.45 FRAAMEX
4.20 CARDINAL VENTURE	4.20 APPALACHIAN TRAIL
4.50 VIENNA'S BOY (treble)	4.50 OUT FOR A STROLL
5.20 COLMAR SUPREME	5.20 COLMAR SUPREME

ROTTWEILER: 1.25 Mr Rigsby 2.00 Born For Dancing 2.35 Exexel 3.10 Mimiteh 3.45 Bob's Your Uncle 4.20 Cardinal Venture 4.50 Out For A Stroll 5.20 Colmar Supreme.

GOING: Standard

PLACEPOT: First six races.

TRACKFACTS Left-hand oval flat all weather Polytrack of just under a mile. There is a run-in of two furlongs. Stalls today 7f Outside, Remainder Inside.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) N Littmoden 88 winners, (14% strike rate), -£62.92, W Brisbourne 49, (11%), -£86.01, Miss G Kelleway 49, (14%), +£65.46, Sir M Prescott 38, (23%), -£44.24.

3.10 betdirectcasino.com NURSERY H'CAP
Class 5 2YO 6f (13 runners) £4,400

1 (6) 32001 **BALIK PEARLS (4)(CD,A)(B)** N Callaghan 9 9(7ex) **J Fortune** 59
2 (4) 361 **OCEAN OF DREAMS (24)(D,A)** J Bethell 9 7 **G Gibbons** 49
3 (3) 021 **MIMITEH (47)(F)** R M Beckett 9 6 **N De Souza(3)** 56
4 (7) 4U001 **THOUGHTSOFSTARDOM (41)(C,A,F)** W Brisbourne 9 3 **E Ahern** 62
5(11) 25000 **COLOURPOINT (17)(P)** C Brittain 9 2 **M Dwyer** 56
6(10) 46006 **ALUGAT (2)(F)** Mrs A Duffield 9 2 **T P Queally** ★70
7(13) 302 **MISS DIXIE (37)(BF)** Miss J A Camacho 8 13 **T Eaves** 52
8 (5) 52230 **GRENANE (66)(D,F)** P Evans 8 11 **J Egan** 62
9 (2) 00100 **SAVANNAH PRIDE (14)(D,F)** E R Oertel 8 11 **B Reilly** 64
10(12) 01036 **MAGGIE MINX (9)(S)** M Wallace 8 10 **C Catlin** 69
11 (9) 056 **MONTE MAYOR JUNIOR (15)** D Haydn Jones 8 10 **I Mongan** 44
12 (8) 4004 **OPTICAL SECLUSION (55)(BF)** T Etherington 8 8 **P Fitzsimons** 55
13 (1) 55105 **MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM (2)(D,F)** R Fahey 8 8 **T Hamilton** 69

Star Betting:— 9-2 Balik Pearls, 5 Mimiteh, 6 Ocean of Dreams, 7 Miss Dixie, 10 Thoughtsofstardom, Optical Seclusion, 12 others.
BEST DRAWN: Alugat (dr 10) 10%, Thoughtsofstardom (dr 7) & Balik Pearls (dr 6) 10%.
2004: Louphole, 9-5, (D Sweeney, 7-1) P Makin, drawn (3), 13 ran.

S'FORM: MAGGIE MINX Dgr: Ocean Of Dreams

3.45 GAMES ON ITV1 CLAIMING STAKES
Class 6 2YO 1m1f (13 runners) £2,951

1 (8) 000 **LEWIS LLOYD (35)(T)** I A Wood 9 7 **A Kirby(5)** 13
2 (1) 30004 **SCROLL (18)(V)** P Howling 9 7 **F Lynch** 46
3(13) 04604 **BOB'S YOUR UNCLE (18)** J Portman 9 4 **J Fortune** 39
4 (9) 4 **FRAAMEX (13)** M Channon 9 1 **T O'Brien(7)** 48
5(12) 0 **SAHARA STYLE (34)** R Hollinshead 8 13 **G Gibbons** 17
6 (7) 24030 **FUSILI (25)** M G Quinlan 8 10 **E Ahern** 66
7(11) 00050 **NIGHT GROOVE (39)** C Tinkler 8 9 **S Hitchcott** 47
8 (3) 00646 **TOUR D'AMOUR (4)(F)** Stef Liddiard 8 8 **C Catlin** 62
9 (4) 30041 **ANGELINA BANKES (11)(C,A)** R Harris 8 6 **L Keniry** 64
10 (5) 50022 **COOL ISLE (11)(P)** K Ryan 8 6 **A Mullen(5)** 62
11 (2) 06 **DIVISIVE (11)** M Blanshard 8 4 **J Quinn** 31
12 (6) 46064 **TAFILAH (11)** P D'Arcy 8 4 **J Egan** ★72
13(10) 00 **CHASE THE LADY (27)** D Ffrench Davis 8 0 **J F McDonald** —

Star Betting:— 4 Fusili, 5 Scroll, 11-2 Fraamex, 13-2 Bob's Your Uncle, 8 Angelina Bankes, Cool Isle, 10 Tour d'Amour, 12 others.
BEST DRAWN: Angelina Bankes (dr 4) 33%, Chase The Lady (dr 10), Lewis Lloyd (dr 8), Bob's Your Uncle (dr 13) & Cool Isle (dr 5) 17%.
2004: Mount Ephram, 8-13, (P Hanagan, 6-1) R Fisher, dr (13), 11 ran.

STARFORM: ANGELINA BANKES Dgr: Fraamex

4.20 betdirectpoker.com HANDICAP
Class 2 1m1f (13 runners) £10,845

1 (9) 01300 **ALDORA (6)(D2,F,G,S)** J Ryan 6 9 6 **I Mongan** 65
2 (4) 46402 **BRINDISI (12)(F)** B Hills 4 9 1 **M Dwyer** 84
3(12) 20661 **APPALACHIAN TRAIL (90)(CD,A,F,G)(B)** I Semple 4 9 0 **T Eaves** 64
4 (8) 10005 **TE QUIERO (244)(CD2,C2,A)(E,T)** Miss G Kelleway 7 8 13 **F Lynch** 65
5 (5) 00051 **CARDINAL VENTURE (6)(C2,A,F,G,S)** K Ryan 7 8 13 **A Mullen(5)** 90
6 (1) -2040 **CIMYLA (41)(D,A,F,S)** C Wall 4 8 12 **G Baker** 86
7 (7) 11000 **NIGHT AIR (90)(BF,CD,C,A,G)** J J Quinn 4 8 12 **E Ahern** 79
8(10) 03000 **BAHIANO (56)(A)** C Brittain 4 8 11 **J Fortune** 88
9(11) 00-06 **HAIL THE CHIEF (7)(CD,C4,D,A,F,G,S)** R Hannon 8 8 8 **C Catlin** —
10(13) 42225 **DEL MAR SUNSET (13)(CD2,C3,A,F)** W Haggas 6 8 4 **Liam Jones(7)** ★91
11 (6) 16060 **MASTER THEO (34)(CD3,A)(T,P)** J C Poulton 4 8 4 **J Egan** 82
12 (3) 40031 **NEVADA DESERT (13)(CD,A,F,S)** R Whitaker 5 8 4 **D McKeown** 87
13 (2) 21014 **RIO RIVA (13)(F,G)** Miss J A Camacho 3 8 3 **J Quinn** 88

LONG HANDICAP: Del Mar Sunset 8-1, Master Theo 8-1, Nevada Desert 7-11.
Star Betting:— 4 Cardinal Venture, 5 Brindisi, 6 Appalachian Trail, Del Mar Sunset, 7 Night Air, 8 Cimyla, 12 Aldora, 16 others.
BEST DRAWN: Brindisi (dr 4) 33%, Bahiano (dr 10), Te Quiero (drawn 8), Del Mar Sunset (dr 13) & Cardinal Venture (dr 5) 17%.
2004: Del Mar Sunset, 5-8-13, (P Hanagan, 14-1) W Haggas, dr (12), 13 ran.

S'FORM: CARDINAL VENTURE Dgr: Rio Reva

4.50 GLOW-WORM HIGH EFFICIENCY H'CAP
Class 5 7f (12 runners) £3,417

1 (9) 50100 **WARDEN WARREN (38)(CD3,D9,A,F)(B)** Mrs C Dunnett 7 9 4 **M Halford(5)** 37
2 (2) 15104 **OUT FOR A STROLL (68)(BF,D2,F,G,S)** S C Williams 6 9 4 **J Mackay** ★73
3 (8) 04051 **VIENNA'S BOY (15)(D2,A,F,G,S)** W Musson 4 9 3 **P Cosgrave** 59
4(12) 53300 **NEPHETRITI WAY (90)(F)** P Chamings 4 9 3 **I Mongan** 63
5 (3) 61220 **SUMMER RECLUSE (32)(D,A,F,G)(T)** J Bradley 6 9 3 **G Baker** 58
6(10) 00504 **GENERAL FEELING (13)(D,F,G)(T)** S Kirk 4 9 3 **J Egan** 68
7(11) 53403 **KINDLELIGHT DEBUT (6)(CD2,D2,A,F)** N Littmoden 5 9 2 **J Fortune** 59
8 (5) 32040 **BENNY THE BUS (27)(P)** Mrs G Rees 3 9 2 **N Mackay** 53
9 (1) 04036 **TEQUILA SHEILA (30)(G,S)** K R Burke 3 9 1 **D P McDonogh** 49
10 (6) 00000 **PETARDIAS MAGIC (32)(A,F,S)** G Huffer 4 9 1 **A Kirby(5)** 58
11 (4) 00060 **NO GROUSE (27)(CD,D2,A,F)** E Alston 5 9 1 **D Allan** 54
12 (7) 0020- **HOW'S THINGS (363)(C,D,A)** R Harris 5 9 1 **A Quinn(3)** 9

Star Betting:— 7-2 Out For A Stroll, 11-2 Summer Recluse, 6 Vienna's Boy, 13-2 Kindlelight Debut, 8 General Feeling, 10 others.
BEST DRAWN: Benny The Bus (drawn 5) 11%, How's Things (drawn 7) & No Grouse (drawn 4) 10%.
2004: Atlantic Quest, 5-9-12, (P Hanagan, 7-2) K R Burke, dr (7), 11 ran.

S'FORM: VIENNA'S BOY Dgr: Summer Recluse

5.20 betdirect.co.uk NURSERY H'CAP (Div 2)
Class 5 2YO 7f (12 runners) £4,027

1 (5) 62001 **COLMAR SUPREME (22)(D,S)** R Hannon 9 7 **E Ahern** ★68
2 (8) 3210 **DREAM MOUNTAIN (21)(D,F)** M Johnston 9 5 **J Egan** 55
3 (4) 0300 **ATTICUS TROPHIES (6)(B*)** K McAuliffe 9 3 **J Doyle(7)** 65
4 (2) 05430 **FLYLOWFLYLONG (13)(BF,S)** I Semple 9 2 **T Eaves** 62
5(10) 530 **ALMOWJ (30)(P)** C Brittain 9 2 **J Fortune** 40
6(12) 43043 **MUJELLE (24)** D Ivory 9 1 **C Catlin** 52
7 (3) 005 **BLANDFORD FLYER (30)** W R Swinburn 9 1 **A Kirby(5)** 29
8 (9) 6440 **MAMBO SUN (33)** P Blockley 8 13 **F Lynch** 51
9 (1) 05030 **GLOBAL GUARDIAN (13)** Mrs G Rees 8 13 **N Mackay** 51
10 (7) 500 **CARRIETAU (69)** J Given 8 13 **M Dwyer** 52
11(11) 000 **SHOW THYME (44)** K Ryan 8 11 **J Quinn** 37
12 (6) 60500 **GATTUSO (9)** Ms Deborah J Evans 8 10 **S Hitchcott** 66

Star Betting:— 3 Colmar Supreme, 11-2 Dream Mountain, 6 Flylowflylong, 13-2 Mujelle, 8 Almowj, 12 Blandford Flyer, 14 others.
BEST DRAWN: Colmar Supreme (drawn 5) 11%, Carrietau (drawn 7) & Atticus Trophies (drawn 4) 10%.
2004: Mitchelland, 8-13, (R Winston, 10-1) J Moffatt, dr (5), 11 ran.

STARFORM: FLYLOWFLYLONG Dgr: Carrietau

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TOP TRAINERS (with runners) M Pipe 72 winners, (13% strike rate), +£42.79, P Nicholls 44, (16%), -£18.32, P Hobbs 22, (10%), -£93.13, Jonjo O'Neill 21, (13%), +£7.07, N Henderson 15, (9%), -£43.75, N Twiston-Davies 10, (6%), -£109.84, Miss V Williams 9, (8%), -£42.42, F Murphy 6, (8%), -£35.50

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) A P McCoy 60 winners, (22% strike rate), -£34.08, R Walsh 34, (17%), +£8.30, T J Murphy 30, (15%), +£79.07, R Johnson 26, (14%), +£5.15, B J Geraghty 13, (15%), +£31.25, C Llewellyn 10, (6%), -£88.84, J Tizzard 6, (9%), -£16.17, Mr J T McNamara 6, (32%), +£28.00.

CH4 1.15 ANGLO IRISH BANK NOVICES' HURDLE Gd2 *(8 flights)* 2m½f (10 runners) £17,106

1 6-1111 **BUENA VISTA (118)(D4,F,G)** M Pipe 4 11 7 .... **T J Murphy ★119**
2 05-211 **FRENCH ACCORDION (40)(D2,F,S)** P Nolan(IRE) 5 11 7 .... **B J Geraghty 108**
3 5-11 **NATAL (175)(D2,F,G)(T)** P Nicholls 4 11 7 .... **R Walsh 87**
4 210-11 **RIMSKY (20)(D2,G,S)** N Twiston-Davies 4 11 7 .... **C Llewellyn 92**
5 -1 **TWO MILES WEST (13)(D,S)** Jonjo O'Neill 4 11 7 .... **A P McCoy 82**
6 -0111 **BOYCHUK (24)(D3,F,S)** P Hobbs 4 11 0 .... **R Johnson 84**
7 -13 **CROW WOOD (22)(BF,D,G)** J J Quinn 6 11 0 .... **R Garritty 113**
8 -1 **OFF SPIN (195)(D,S)** P R Webber 5 11 0 .... **T Doyle —**
9 2P1563 **LAGO D'ORO (16)(F)** Dr P Pritchard 5 10 11 .... **T J Phelan 62**
10 **DANEHILL DIAMOND (F158)** Michael Joseph Fitzgerald 6 10 7 . **Mr J P O'Farrell —**

Star Betting:— 10-3 Buena Vista, 4 Natal, 9-2 French Accordion, 5 Rimsky, 7 Two Miles West, 8 Boychuk, 10 Crow Wood, 14 others.

2004: Marcel, 4-11-7, (T J Murphy, 5-1) M Pipe, 9 ran.

BUENA VISTA steps back into novice company for his first outing since giving Hilltime 13lb and a 1¼⅜ beating in a valuable 18-runner h'cap (Market Rasen 2m1f110yds Class B/good) in July. He can make it five out of five over timber at the main expense of **Boychuk** who had a simple task on his hurdling bow at Exeter last month before returning to the Devon venue and following up with a 2l success giving 7lb to French Envoy (2m1f E nov hdle/yielding). A smart handicapper on the level, **Crow Wood** jumped well in the main to make a winning debut in this sphere at

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Uttoxeter last month and would have followed up but for a bad mistake at the second last when just over 10l 3rd giving 6lb to Spring Breeze (Haydock 2m D nov hdle/good). He rates a more serious threat than **Rimsky** who looked in need of further (and not this step down in distance) when scoring by 1l from Massini's Maguire (Chepstow 2m4f gd2 nov hdle/soft) last time. **French Accordion** needs to improve and is relatively exposed.

STARFORM: BUENA VISTA Danger: Boychuk

CH4 1.50 paddypower.com HANDICAP CHASE (E)amateurs *(19 fences)* 3m½f (9 run) £10,534

1 126-00 **LORD WHO (13)(D5,S)(B*)** P M Doyle(IRE) 8 11 12 .... **Mr J T McNamara 110**
2 1540-6 **WILLIE JOHN DALY (19)(D2,G,S)** P Hobbs 8 11 11 .... **Mr T Greenall 111**
3 P0/50- **FASGO (355)(D3,G,S)** P Nicholls 10 11 5 .... **Mr C J Sweeney ★123**
4 122211 **GETOUTWHENYOUCAN (82)(D2,F,G,S)** M Pipe 5 11 4 .... **Mr R Quinn (7) 96**
5 P52-52 **BEE AN BEE (13)(D3,G,S)(B)** T George 8 11 3 .... **Mr R McCarthy (7) 121**
6 600-1U **YOU OWE ME (16)(D,G,S)** N Twiston-Davies 8 11 2 .... **Mr G Tumelty (7) 86**
7 2-4113 **DIX VILLEZ (79)(F)** P Nolan(IRE) 6 10 12 .... **Mr A FitzGerald 111**
8 05-F22 **JIVER (15)(G,S)** M Scudamore 6 10 10 .... **Miss N Carberry 96**
9 /PU1P- **MAMIDEOS (209)(D3,F,G,S)(T)** T George 8 10 10 .... **Mr J Snowden (3) 100**

Star Betting:— 3 Getoutwhenyoucan, 9-2 You Owe Me, 6 Bee An Bee, 13-2 Dix Villez, 7 Willie John Daly, 8 Jiver, 10 Fasgo, 12 others.

2004: Smile Pleeze, 12-10-11, (Mr L Stephens(5), 16-1) M Sheppard, 12 ran.

GETOUTWHENYOUCAN won two Irish points earlier this year and impressed with his jumping when making a winning bow over fences by 3l rec 4lb from Windy Spirit (Newton Abbot 3m2f110yds Class D/good-firm) in August. He could take high rank among the stayers and can follow up at the main expense of **You Owe Me** who won a novice event by a distance on his chasing bow in May and then jumped well taking on class act and eventual winner Iris's Gift for the lead before beginning to weaken and unseating four out in a CD nov ch 16 days ago.

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Bee An Bee was having his first outing for six months when beaten 1¼l giving 24lb to Stormy Skye (Lingfield 3m D h'cap/ch/good) recently. He ran well at the Festival here in March when 5th in the Kim Muir and will be hard to keep out of the frame. **Fasgo** has been off almost a year and really needs a stiffer test, the same applying to **Jiver** beaten 2½l rec 5lb from Bob Ar Aghaidh (Stratford 3m4f D h'cap ch/soft) recently.

STARFORM: GETOUTWHENYOUCAN Dgr: You Owe Me

CH4 2.25 BEARDS JEWELLERS CUP H'CAP CHASE (B) *(12 fences)* 2m (10 runners) £17,022

1 3036-1 **ARMATURK (13)(CD,D9,F,G,S)** P Nicholls 8 11 12 .... **Christian Williams 135**
2 5PP4-U **SEEBALD (19)(CD2,C,D4,F,G,S)** M Pipe 10 11 7 .... **T Scudamore ★142**
3 11F-12 **ANDREAS (20)(BF,CD,D3,F,G)(T)** P Nicholls 5 11 1 .... **R Walsh 125**
4 0641-0 **FULL IRISH (174)(D6,G,S)** L Lungo 9 10 11 .... **J Crowley 133**
5 34046- **MADE IN JAPAN (209)(C,D2,G,S)(B)** P Hobbs 5 10 10 .... **R Johnson 125**
6 UF23-1 **BAMBI DE L'ORME (188)(D2,F,G)** I Williams 6 10 9 .... **A P McCoy 133**
7 /0234- **TYSOU (238)(D8,F,G,S)** N Henderson 8 10 7 .... **M Foley 115**
8 01-321 **TIGER CRY (20)(D2,G,S)** A L Moore(IRE) 7 10 2 .... **D J Casey 132**
9 03-124 **ONE CORNETTO (17)(D,F,S)** L Wells 6 10 1 .... **L Aspell 115**
10 /2P-22 **BOLD BISHOP (17)(D3,F,S)** Jonjo O'Neill 8 10 0 .... **B Harding 126**

Star Betting:— 3 Andreas, 4 Bambi De L'Orme, 5 Armaturk, 6 Tysou, 13-2 Tiger Cry, 8 Full Irish, 10 Bold Bishop, 14 Made in Japan, 16 Seebald, 33 One Cornetto

2004: Armaturk, 7-11-4, (Christian Williams, 11-2) P Nicholls, 11 ran.

ANDREAS can quickly regain winning ways. He looked potentially very smart when hacking up in a h'cap here in April (only his second outing over fences), and caught a tartar on his return from a break when beaten 2l giving 7lb to Baby Turk (Aintree 2m lstd nov ch/yielding) last month. **Bambi De L'Orme** ran well without any luck last winter gaining a thoroughly deserved success when beating River City (gave 10lb) by a nk (Warwick 2m110yds B ch/firm) in May. He acts on any ground and will enjoy the services of Tony McCoy. **Armaturk** showed admirable

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battling qualities again to give Bleu Superbe 18lb and a 2l beating (Lingfield 2m lstd h'cap ch/good) 13 days ago. That was his first success since beating Well Chief (rec 1lb) by a hd in last year's renewal of this contest run on yielding ground in which **Tysou** (now 1lb better off) finished 1¼l away in 3rd. **Bold Bishop** looked sure to win but was outbattled by 1¼l winner Flying Spirit (gave 6lb) over CD (C nov ch/yielding) last month.

STARFORM: ANDREAS Danger: Bambi De L'Orme

TONY LEWIS

1.15 CROW WOOD
1.50 GETOUTWHENYOUCAN
2.25 BAMBI DE L'ORME
3.00 SPOT THEDIFFERENCE
3.35 CELTIC SON
4.10 ASTYANAX (nb)

STAR TIP

1.15 BUENA VISTA
1.50 DIX VILLEZ
2.25 ARMATURK
3.00 SPOT THEDIFFERENCE
3.35 CELTIC SON
4.10 OXYBAU

STARFORM: 2.45 (Newcastle) Devondale (nb); 3..00 Spot Thedifference (treble); 4.20 (Wolverhampton) Cardinal Venture (nap).

CLOCKFORM: 2.25 Seebald 1pt win.

ROTTWEILER: 1.15 Buena Vista 1.50 Getoutwhenyoucan 2.25 Armaturk 3.00 Oh My Lord 3.35 Church Island 4.10 Mouseski

GOING: Good to Soft-Soft in Places
CROSS COUNTY: Good-Good to Soft in Places

JACKPOT: & PLACEPOT: First six races.

TRACKFACTS The new left-hand oval course has ten stiff fences with seven hurdles per circuit. On the new track the last half-mile is all uphill with a run-in of 237yds.

CH4 3.00 SPORTING INDEX CROSS COUNTRY CHASE (B) *(32 fences)* 3m7f (14 runners) £18,789

1 321-10 **GOOD STEP (11)(S)** E Bolger(IRE) 7 11 8 .... **C O'Dwyer 82**
2 0044-4 **IL DE BOITRON (199)(S)** T O'leary(IRE) 7 11 8 .... **D N Russell 91**
3 1P4P-5 **LORD JACK (19)(S)** N Richards 9 11 8 .... **B Harding 102**
4 42-F0R **LUZCADOU (33)(S)(B)** F Murphy 12 11 8 .... **A O'Keeffe 100**
5 1410-0 **SPOT THEDIFFERENCE (19)(CD3,G,S)** E Bolger(IRE) 12 11 8 .... **Mr J T McNamara 86**
6 1134-4 **GRUMPY STUMPY (20)(BF,G,S)** N Twiston-Davies 10 11 5 .... **C Llewellyn 83**
7 P23-4P **NATIVE RAY (11)(S)** Miss N Hayes(IRE) 11 11 5 .... **D J Casey 95**
8 1-P325 **WILDFIELD RUFO (40)(F,G,S)(P)** Mrs K Walton 10 11 5 .... **J Crowley 107**
9 -P03P5 **HAPPY HUSSAR (17)(F,G,S)** Dr P Pritchard 12 11 2 .... **Dr P Pritchard 86**
10 6P5-66 **MULTI TALENTED (166)(G,S)** L Wells 9 11 2 .... **Mr J Morgan 104**
11 -2P202 **OH MY LORD (22)(BF,S)(T)** A J Martin(IRE) 7 11 2 .... **Denis O'Regan 82**
12 122-66 **PARDINI (13)(S)** M Harris 6 11 2 .... **S Stronge 83**
13 6440-6 **L'AVENTURE (20)(G,S)(T)** P Nicholls 6 10 12 .... **P J Brennan ★140**
14 300PP- **HISTORG (265)(C,S)** F Murphy 10 10 10 .... **T J Dreaper 109**

Star Betting:— 11-4 Spot Thedifference, 4 L'aventure, 6 Good Step, 8 Oh My Lord, 10 Luzcadou, Historg, 12 Lord Jack, 14 others.

2004: Spot Thedifference, 11-11-8, (Mr J T McNamara, 6-1) E Bolger(IRE), 16 ran.

SPOT THEDIFFERENCE has become a specialist round this cross country course winning last year's renewal and beating **Luzcadou** (now 13lb worse off) by 2½l over CD (Class B h'cap ch/yielding) at the Festival in March. The selection made a highly satisfactory reappearance when mid-division in a Clonmel hdle last month, and will be hard to beat. **Lord Jack** also had a warm-up over timber last month when 5th to Jorobaden at Aintree. He didn't go on as expected last term after giving Gatorade 16lb and an 8l beating (Kelso 3m1f B h'cap ch/soft) in

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December, but the ability is there. **Oh My Lord** would have given the winner more to do but for slipping after the last and finishing 5l 2nd giving 23lb to Regal Vision (Ludlow 3m1f110yds F h'cap ch/good) last month. He has age on his side and is from a yard who make few mistakes when the money is down. **L'Aventure** will not fail through lack of stamina but she's taking less and less interest these days.

STARFORM: SPOT THEDIFFERENCE Danger: Lord Jack

3.35 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES' CHASE Class B *(19 fences)* 3m½f (7 runners) £10,428

1 123P-1 **CELTIC SON (6)(D4,G,S)(T)** M Pipe 6 11 8 .... **T J Murphy ★101**
2 352111 **CHURCH ISLAND (19)(D,F,S)** M Hourigan(IRE) 6 11 8 .... **Denis O'Regan 101**
3 1104-1 **RED GEORGIE (20)(D2,G,S)** N Twiston-Davies 7 11 5 .... **C Llewellyn 55**
4 -0/ **BATTLING BUSTER (1343)** R Buckler 8 11 0 .... **B Hitchcott —**
5 1111-2 **BLUE BUSINESS (24)(BF,CD,D,G,S)(B)** P Nicholls 7 11 0 .... **R Walsh 53**
6 3114-5 **BOB BOB BOBBIN (13)(BF,S)** C L Tizzard 6 11 0 .... **J Tizzard 84**
7 134P1/ **FISHERMAN JACK (600)(D5,G,S)** G Smith 10 11 0 .... **J Mogford —**

Star Betting:— 8-11 Celtic Son, 11-2 Blue Business, 13-2 Bob Bob Bobbin, 7 Church Island, 15-2 Red Georgie, 50 Fisherman Jack, 66 Battling Buster.

2004: Comply Or Die, 5-11-7, (T J Murphy, EVENS fav) M Pipe, 7 ran.

STARFORM: CELTIC SON Danger: Red Georgie

4.10 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE Class E *(10 flights)* 2m5f (24 runners) £9,582

1 -550000 **ANATAR (17)(D,G,S)** M Pipe 7 11 12 .... **A Glassonbury(8) 85**
2 605-012 **MOUSESKI (9)(BF,C,D,G,S)** P Nicholls 11 11 9 .... **L Heard(8) ★107**
3 0401324 **NASSARO (34)(BF,F,S)(T)** M Halford(IRE) 5 11 9 .... **T G M Ryan 106**
4 1F6514- **KILGOWAN (224)(D,G,S)** I Williams 6 11 9 .... **O Nelmes 96**
5 P-41123 **MICHAELS DREAM (19)(G,S)(B)** N Wilson 6 11 7 .... **T J Dreaper(3) 104**
6 F-00123 **NEWTOWN DANCER (33)(F,S)(T,P)** T Hogan(IRE) 6 11 7 ... **D Flannery(6) 87**
7 30532/F **BETTER THINK AGAIN (26)(S)** Susan A Finn(IRE) 11 11 6 .... **W J Lee —**
8 122111- **LORD OF ILLUSION (314)(C,F,G,S)** T George 8 11 5 .... **P C O'Neill —**
9 043/5-F **MONTEVIDEO (69)** Jonjo O'Neill 5 11 5 .... **M P Walsh —**
10 042-062 **DOUBLE DIZZY (16)** R Buckler 4 11 5 .... **W Kennedy 80**
11 06/1404 **OXYBAU (22)(G)** T Taaffe(IRE) 6 11 5 .... **S M McGovern(3) 99**
12 222-14F **WATER KING (34)(D,G)** R Stronge 6 11 4 .... **S Walsh(6) 75**
13 01P1-P5 **GAN EAGLA (24)(D,G,S)(B)** Miss V Williams 6 11 4 .... **L Treadwell(3) 92**
14 /0-1160 **ALLSTAR LEADER (40)(F)** Michael Joseph Fitzgerald 8 11 3 **J M Allen (3) 103**
15 F435-2 **HELM (25)** R Rowe 4 11 2 .... **P Aspell 98**
16 6345-01 **ASTYANAX (22)(D,F)** N Henderson 5 10 13 .... **S Curling(3) 74**
17 200-012 **MISS SKIPPY (36)(F)** A Newcombe 6 10 12 .... **P Merrigan 97**
18 0-20322 **MARTOVIC (19)(BF)** K Bailey 6 10 11 .... **M Nicolls 78**
19 0630-0F **TAKE A DROP (104)(F,G)** S O'Farrell(IRE) 10 10 10 ... **S G McDermott(3) 32**
20 1-2204 **ARGENT OU OR (9)(G)** M Pipe 4 10 10 .... **T J Malone(3) 86**
21 RR-2601 **PARDON WHAT (10)(D2,G,S)(B)** S Lycett 9 10 10(7ex) .... **T J Phelan 104**
22 3532236 **SIR WALTER (19)(G,S)** D Burchell 12 10 8 .... **A Pogson(3) 92**
23 2/15-00 **GOOD THYNE JACK (53)(S)** E McNamara(IRE) 7 10 6 .... **B C Byrnes(6) 94**
24 0063340 **MOUFTARI (19)(B)** C Byrnes(IRE) 4 10 5 .... **M J Ferris(3) 86**

Star Betting:— 6 Mouseski, 13-2 Lord Of Illusion, 8 Astyanax, 12 Double Dizzy, Helm, 14 Nassaro, Newtown Dancer, Montevideo, 16 others.

2004: Hordago, 4-10-1, (B Byrnes(5), 33-1) E McNamara(IRE), 24 ran.

STARFORM: MOUSESKI Danger: Martovic

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PUNTER POINTERS

WHO'S HOT'N NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) Jonjo O'Neill 8; N Henderson 6; P Nicholls 6; F Murphy 6; W Haggas 5; K G Reveley 5; N Twiston-Davies 5; P Howling 4; J Bethell 4; P Haslam 4; Miss V Williams 4; M Johnston 4; M Pipe 4; R Hannon 4; R M Beckett 3; C Bealby 3; P Cole 3; P Evans 3.
SUFFERING STABLES: (Runners since last win) W Storey 125; F Jestin 78; D Haydn Jones 72; J Given 71; A Robson 63; J Ryan 63; M Harris 51; J Wade 47; K Hogg 44; R Johnson 40; A Whillans 33; D Burchell 32; R Stronge 31; Miss L Russell 30; Mrs L Stubbs 29.
HOT JOCKS: (Most wins last 14 days) A P McCoy 11; A Dobbin 8; M Foley 7; G Lee 7; R Walsh 6; T J Murphy 6; F Keniry 5; G Baker 5; G Gibbons 5; J Fortune 5; T Doyle 5; C O'Dwyer 4; B J Geraghty 4; N Fehily 4; T Scudamore 4; Martin Dwyer 4.
RIDE OUT OF LUCK: (Rides since last win) P Fitzsimons 133; A McCarthy 113; Dr P Pritchard 81; M J Ferris 69; P Mathers 59; S G McDermott 48; Paul Eddery 48; K Renwick 44; Mr A FitzGerald 43; N Mackay 43; D C Costello 38; K Johnson 38; P McDonald 35.

NEW QUARTERS

HORSES having their first runs for new trainers.
CHELTENHAM: 1.15 Danehill Diamond (S O'Farrell (Ire) to Michael Joseph Fitzgerald (Ire)), **3.35 Battling Buster** (P R Webber to R Buckler), **Fisherman Jack** (J Burton to G Smith).
NEWCASTLE: 3.20 Iowa (M Harris to J O'Keeffe).
WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.00 Efistorm (M G Quinlan to J Balding), **Diamond Dan** (John Berry to P Evans), **3.10 Thoughtsofstardom** (K R Burke to W Brisbourne), **3.45 Scroll** (J Hills to P Howling), **Angelina Bankes** (W G M Turner to R Harris), **4.20 Night Air** (D Loder to J J Quinn), **4.50 How's Things** (D Haydn Jones to R Harris).

DROP IN CLASS

CHELTENHAM: 3.35 Celtic Son **down 2**; 4.10 Michaels Dream **down 2**.
NEWCASTLE: 1.00 Patxaran **down 2**.

BE TRENDY

Trainer **M Pipe** won the 1.15 at Cheltenham in 1996 and 2004.
Jockey **T J Murphy** won the 1.15 at Cheltenham in 2001 and 2004.
Trainer **M Pipe** won the 1.50 at Cheltenham in 1998 and 2002.
Trainer **P Nicholls** won the 2.25 at Cheltenham in 1997, '98, 2003 and 2004.
Trainer **M Pipe** won the 3.35 at Cheltenham in 2001 and 2004.

FAB FOR FAVS

4 favourites have won the 3.35 at Cheltenham in the last 10 years.
2 favourites have won the 1.00, 2.10 and 3.20 at Newcastle in the last 10 years.
3 favourites have won the 2.35 at Wolverhampton in the last 10 years.

BIGGEST EARNERS

CHELTENHAM	Seebald	2.25 £324,356
NEWCASTLE	Behavingbadly	2.45 £38,506
W'HAMPTON	Hail The Chief	4.20 £396,428

LONGEST TRAVELLERS

Horse	(time & course)	Distance
Full Irish	(2.25 Che)	272 miles
Appalachian Trail	(4.20 Wol)	271 miles
Flylowflylong	(5.20 Wol)	271 miles
Ballyfitz	(2.10 Ncs)	257 miles
Scotch Corner	(2.45 Ncs)	257 miles
Lord Jack	(3.00 Che)	230 miles
Luzcadou	(3.00 Che)	227 miles
Historg	(3.00 Che)	227 miles

HANDICAP BLOT

DEVONDALE (2.45 Newcastle) is one pound out of the handicap but only that much higher than when scoring by 12l at Hexham a week ago

MUST NEXT TIME

MENCHIKOV finished full of running when making a winning hurdling debut over two miles at Ludlow and will be a force to be reckoned with stepped up in trip.

ONE TO SWERVE

RIMSKY (1.15 Cheltenham) bids for a hat-trick but he's a staying type and the drop down to two miles is hardly in his favour.

BEST EACH WAY

BAKLAWA (1.25 Wolverhampton) is from a stable that has had a tremendous autumn with its juveniles and looks interesting tried in first-time blinkers.

MAGIC COMBINATIONS

J T McNamara rides **Spot Thedifference** (3.00) for E Bolger, previous combination 4 wins from 9 mounts 44% strike rate at Cheltenham.
T J Murphy rides **Buena Vista** (1.15) & **Celtic Son** (3.35) for M C Pipe, previous combination 17 wins from 74 mounts 23% strike rate at Cheltenham.
R Walsh rides **Natal** (1.15), **Andreas** (2.25) & **Blue Business** (3.35) for P F Nicholls, previous combination 28 wins from 122 mounts 23% strike rate at Cheltenham.
A P McCoy rides **Two Miles West** (1.15) for Jonjo O'Neill, previous combination 6 wins from 32 mounts 19% strike rate at Cheltenham.

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DAILY STAR RACING

IT'S CHILD'S PLAY

JIM LEWIS was back in the winner's enclosure for the first time since losing triple Gold Cup winner Best Mate at Exeter with a heart attack.

Tuesday's Child (7-1) was his second runner since that fateful day at Exeter last week but the six-year-old might have been a shade lucky in landing the chase.

Given a confident ride by Timmy Murphy, Tuesday's Child was under pressure from Nayodabayo until that one fell at the final fence, leaving him to coast home.

Knight's husband Terry Biddlecombe said: "He had not lost his confidence despite his fall at Cheltenham on his chasing debut. "We popped him over fences at home yesterday just to make sure."

Lewis added: "You have got to go on. I have done my grieving over Best Mate and I have got some great memories but racing has to go on."

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

LINGFIELD

12.50 (1m): 1, **DR THONG** (J Fortune 8-1); 2, **Zalkani** (M Hills 9-2 fav); 3, **Glencalvie** (R Miles 7-1). 1l, 1 1/2l. 12 ran. P Cole, Whatcombe.
Tote: £11.70; pl £4.70, £1.80, £3.10. exacta: £59.20. csf: £41.07. tricast: £265.60.

1.20 (5f): 1, **SPEARIT** (J F Egan 2-1 fav); 2, **Best Double** (N Mackay 4-1); 3, **Macademy Royal** (S Drowne 11-2). 1l, 3/4l. 8 ran. D Elsworth, Whitsbury.
Tote: £2.10; pl £1.10, £2.50, £1.80. exacta: £14.90. csf: £9.32.

1.50 (7f): 1, **SEVEN SAMURAI** (R Hills 7-2); 2, **Broken Spur** (M Hills 8-1); 3, **Kaveri** (J Fortune 10-1). Cape of Luck 11-4 fav. 1 1/2l, 1l. 14 ran. J Hills, Lambourn.
Tote: £4.90; pl £1.20, £2.80, £5.20. exacta: £22.60. csf: £31.22. tricast: £266.47.

2.20 (1m): 1, **HITS ONLY HEAVEN** (J Quinn 9-1); 2, **Boundless Prospect** (J F Egan 9-2); 3, **Logsdail** (G Baker 4-1 fav). 1 1/4l, 1 1/4l. 12 ran. J Pearce, Newmarket.
Tote: £11.70; pl £2.80, £1.70, £1.40. exacta: £38.20. csf: £47.00. tricast: £193.45.

2.50 (1m 2f): 1, **MIZZ TEE** (D Allan 22-1); 2, **Missatacama** (Dane O'Neill 7-2); 3, **Dance Partner** (J Fortune 8-11 fav). 1 1/2l, 1 3/4l. 7 ran. T Easterby, Malton.
Tote: £25.90; pl £8.80, £1.40. exacta: £161.20. csf: £92.56.

3.20 (1m 4f): 1, **GARIBALDI** (L Keniry 5-1); 2, **Newnham** (E Ahern 9-4 fav); 3, **Trials 'n Tribs** (T P Queally 33-1). 1/2l, 2l. 14 ran. D Elsworth, Whitsbury.
Tote: £5.70; pl £1.70, £1.40, £7.20. exacta: £19.00. csf: £11.77. NR: Swindon.
Swindon was withdrawn, deduction 15p in the £.

3.50 (1m 5f): 1, **MAYSTOCK** (R Keogh 7-2 jt fav); 2, **Santando** (Debra England 8-1); 3, **Mad Carew** (Liam Jones 11-1). Bucks 7-2 jt fav. Nk, 3 1/2l. 10 ran. B Powell, Winchester.
Tote: £3.90; pl £1.70, £3.00, £3.60. exacta: £37.40. csf: £30.61. tricast: £275.92.

QUADPOT: £59.70
PLACEPOT: £155.80

LUDLOW

1.00 (2m): 1, **AUETALER** (B C Byrnes 7-1); 2, **My Sharp Grey** (R Stephens 9-1); 3, **Ambersong** (G Carenza 5-1). Nowator 5-2 fav. 2l, 5l. 14 ran. E McNamara, IRELAND.
Tote: £10.40; pl £2.60, £4.00, £1.90. exacta: £90.50. csf: £62.52.

1.30 (2m 5f): 1, **JUG OF PUNCH** (P Stringer 50-1); 2, **Moscow Summit** (B C Byrnes 20-1); 3, **Seveneightsix** (W Marston 7-1). Saucy Night 8-13 fav. 2 1/2l, 4l. 15 ran. S T Lewis, Upton-on-Severn.
Tote: £64.20; pl £8.50, £6.50, £1.20. exacta: £434.30. csf: £760.42. tricast: £7,648.15. NR: Durba.

2.00 (2m): 1, **TUESDAY'S CHILD** (T J Murphy 7-1); 2, **Flower of Pitcur** (J P McNamara 14-1); 3, **Brooklyn's Gold** (R Johnson 8-1). Lord On The Run, Ready To Rumble 4-1 jt fav. 4l, 1l. 11 ran. Miss H Knight, Wantage.
Tote: £7.50; pl £2.90, £4.40, £2.20. exacta: £131.90. csf: £90.76. tricast: £795.92.

2.30 (2m): 1, **MENCHIKOV** (M Foley evens fav); 2, **Billyandi** (M Goldstein 20-1); 3, **Charming Fellow** (T J Murphy 10-1). 1l, 11l. 11 ran. N Henderson, Lambourn.
Tote: £1.80; pl £1.10, £3.90, £2.80. exacta: £33.80. csf: £24.95.

3.00 (3m): 1, **LUNERAY** (Christian Williams 9-4 fav); 2, **Russian Gigolo** (T Scudamore 12-1); 3, **Dickens** (S Thomas 9-2). Shd, 5l. 9 ran. P Nicholls, Shepton Mallet.
Tote: £3.30; pl £1.20, £2.90, £2.40. exacta: £38.70. trifecta £157.70. csf: £28.98. tricast: £114.17.

3.30 (2m 5f): 1, **AIR GUITAR** (Paul Moloney 15-2); 2, **Mac Dargin** (B Wharfe 17-2); 3, **Oscar Foxbow** (T Scudamore 16-1). Penny Park 6-5 fav. 10l, 1 1/2l. 12 ran. M G Quinlan, Newmarket.
Tote: £7.50; pl £1.50, £2.40, £3.50. exacta: £40.30. csf: £63.41. NR: Follow The Bear.

4.00 (2m): 1, **THE HOLLOW BOTTOM** (B Wharfe 16-1); 2, **Gold Beach** (Mr M Rimell 10-1); 3, **It Would Appear** (Mr Alan Berry 9-2). Roadmaker 7-4 fav. 1 1/4l, 1 1/2l. 7 ran. N Twiston-Davies, Cheltenham.
Tote: £15.60; pl £3.80, £4.50. exacta: £59.10. csf: £151.16.

QUADPOT: £82.30
PLACEPOT: £3,331.10
JACKPOT: not won, £21,795.50 carried over to Cheltenham.

TAUNTON

1.10 (2m 1f): 1, **PAST HERITAGE** (D Laverty 33-1); 2, **Handa Island** (G Lee 2-1 fav); 3, **Pedler's Profiles** (B Hitchcott 14-1); 4, **Canadian Storm** (A O'Keeffe 20-1). 1 3/4l, 12l, Shd. 16 ran. A E Jones, Tiverton.
Tote: £75.60; pl £11.90, £1.10, £2.80, £3.20. exacta: £643.70. csf: £91.28. tricast: £1,040.51.

1.40 (3m): 1, **PRESENT GLORY** (A Thornton 8-11 fav); 2, **Moonshine Surprise** (R Greene 11-4); 3, **Classic Clover** (J Tizzard 33-1). 29l, 7l. 6 ran. C Tinkler, Compton.
Tote: £1.40; pl £1.10, £1.90. exacta: £4.20. csf: £2.68.

2.10 (2m 1f): 1, **SILVER CITY** (P J Brennan 5-1); 2, **Tech Eagle** (D Crosse 16-1); 3, **Landescent** (B Hitchcott 22-1). Torinmoor 4-5 fav. 1 1/4l, Nk. 14 ran. P Hobbs, Minehead.
Tote: £8.10; pl £1.60, £2.90, £4.50. exacta: £154.80. csf: £67.74.

2.40 (2m 3f): 1, **SUPREME TADGH** (S Elliott 9-2); 2, **River Trapper** (P J Brennan 100-30); 3, **Lizzie Bathwick** (N Fehily 14-1). Nazimabad 9-4 fav. 2 1/2l, 1/2l. 9 ran. J A Geake, Andover.
Tote: £6.00; pl £2.00, £1.20, £3.60. exacta: £23.70. csf: £19.08. tricast: £177.55.

3.10 (2m 3f): 1, **MEADOW HAWK** (Mr G Tumelty 5-2 fav); 2, **Lord Nellsson** (Mr D Greenway 9-1); 3, **Red Dahlia** (Mr J Snowden 17-2); 4, **Brochrua** (Mr B Moorcroft 66-1). 3l, 3 1/2l, 1/2l. 16 ran. A Carroll, Alcester.
Tote: £3.30; pl £1.10, £2.90, £1.70, £9.20. exacta: £33.10. csf: £22.04. tricast: £171.13.

3.40 (2m 7f): 1, **GLACIAL DELIGHT** (B Fenton 8-1); 2, **Sissinghurst Storm** (W Hutchinson 20-1); 3, **Mick Divine** (N Fehily 11-1). Hehasalife 11-4 fav. 3 1/2l, 1l. 10 ran. Miss E Lavelle, Andover.
Tote: £10.20; pl £2.30, £3.80, £2.80. exacta: £157.30. csf: £140.17. tricast: £1,751.36. NR: He's The Biz.

4.10 (2m 1f): 1, **GENTLEMAN JIMMY** (J Crowley 5-1); 2, **Miss Midnight** (J E Moore 4-1); 3, **Bring Me Sunshine** (J Tizzard 7-2). Earl of Forestry 11-8 fav. 3/4l, 1 3/4l. 10 ran. H Morrison, East Ilsley.
Tote: £8.30; pl £2.30, £1.70, £1.50. exacta: £26.70. csf: £24.08. NR: Hold That Thought.

QUADPOT: £182.00
PLACEPOT: £617.00

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MARK CAN BE THE BOSS

RONNIES BOSS (7.30) should be given the key to Romford Stadium as Mark Wallis' out and out sprinter, boasts a superb strike rate round the Essex venue.

He regularly kicks off the Friday night's open race action and should add another win to his tally by landing the spoils in the opener once again. The striped jacket is perfect, and he can quicken up nicely on the dash to the first turn, to put the issue beyond any doubt.

Fear Assassin (8.48) showed his class to win the Puppy Cup over c&d last month and confirmed his liking for this tight 400m trip when bolting up in a one off open last time.

This February 2004 Son of Borna Pilot is far from the finished article and looks a really nice prospect for Mark Wallis. The wider draw

by JIM AUSTIN of the RACING POST

shouldn't pose any problems, and his superior early foot can see him land the four timer.

Rio Jimmy also reached the Puppy Cup Final and is improving with more experience. He looks an obvious danger clad in red, but has yet to fully master the art of trapping and may have to take another back seat behind the selection.

Flame Of Hope (10.08) saw his winning run ended at the paws of bitter rival Buckland Wally over 400m last week, but Patsy Cusack's pacey type can be forgiven the odd blemish and normal service should be resumed. He copes with a midfield location well and his potent second to third pace can see him come through to head them off approaching the third turn.

Buzz

Denmarknick (10.24) gave connections a real buzz when landing the Champion Stakes Final in July. However, he hasn't performed to that level of late and the return to 575m might not have the desired effect. His draw outside Tinopener is fraught with danger, and the latter can use that to his advantage. Having won his last couple of outings in bold fashion, he should prove tough to contain if matching his rivals in the early exchanges.

The getting out stakes over 750m looks a tricky race to solve. With six railers in the line up, there could be plenty of jostling for positions on the opening circuit.

READY TO STRIKE: Fear Assassin

Chakalak Attack (10.40) has yet to win beyond 575m, but Dave Mullins' bitch has performed well behind the likes of Star Of Dromin and Betathan Pebbles over c&d in recent weeks, to suggests she can make it pay in this level. She has won half the battle off the track, by drawing the red box. Hopefully, that can enable her to steer clear of any early crowding and make a telling move on the opening lap.

SUNDERLAND TIPS

7.35 **LAMBEG DRUMMER** (2) ....Foxdale Kite (5)
7.51 **BLUETOON PAM** (1) ....Linton Lasso (3)
8.06 **YELLOW SNOW** (5) ....Decoy Holly (3)
8.22 **ELBONY GHOST** (5) ....Coolemount Magic (4)
8.37 **CRAFTY MAMA** (1) ....Rattley Natalie (2)
8.53 **ANNACOTTY STAR** (1) ....Purdhams Pride (2)
9.08 **TELKEV POLLY** (6) ....Leedsfan Molly (3)
9.23 **DUNSILLY CHIEF** (nap) (6) ....Autumn Snowdrop (4)
9.38 **KITTYS VENTURE** (5) ....Ballymacdoe Lass (1)
9.53 **SAPITA SKULL** (nb) (5) ....Dells Princess (6)
10.08 **LANDING RUMBLE** (1) ....Seans Jenny (2)
10.24 **BARWISE MAGIC** (6) ....Craan Eric (3)

ROMFORD TONIGHT

7.30 (Open) 225m
1 6123 De Gunner (rl fw) 13.76
2 2216 **Oi Oi Alfie** (rl ro) 00.00
3 SS5 Will Be Back (md ro) 14.16
4 2221 Rabies (sa fw) 00.00
5 1152 Droopys Vogue (wd ro) 13.71
6 1211 **RONNIES BOSS (NAP)** (wd ep) 13.61
Star betting: 4-6 Ronnies Boss, 7-2 Oi Oi Alfie, 8 Droopys Vogue, De Gunner, 16 Will Be Back, 25 Rabies.

7.45 (Open) 400m
1 3362 Vigorous Whitney (rl fw) 24.96
2 4545 Minnies Craig (rl ro) 00.00
3 3452 **BANDICOOT OSCAR** (sa ro) 24.85
4 S112 Apache Spirit (sa fw) 24.85
5 S211 Emerson Master (wd ro) 24.73
6 1333 **Newlawn Tiger** (wd ro) 24.92
Star betting: 11-4 Bandicoot Oscar, 3 Apache Spirit, Newlawn Tiger, 4 Vigorous Whitney.

8.01 (Open) 575m
1 5565 **Archers Rumble** (rl ro) 36.60
2 2144 Run On Jess (rl ro) 00.00
3 2241 Portant Lady (md ep) 00.00
4 3452 **JAY EMM** (sa ro) 36.30
5 4444 Rode Runner (wd ep) 36.58
6 3126 Droopys Gordie (wd ro) 00.00
Star betting: 11-4 Jay Emm, 3 Archers Rumble, 4 Droopys Gordie, 9-2 Portant Lady, 6 Run On Jess.

8.17 (Open) 400m
1 5522 Eye Onthe Flyer (rl ep) 24.59
2 6223 **Farloe Dice** (ep ro) 24.68
3 1S11 Bower Woods (md ro) 24.80
4 5113 Now Im Sexy (sa ro) 24.45
5 2243 **DROOPYS FEAR** (ep ro) 24.68
6 2455 Malden Melody (wd ro) 24.57
Star betting: 7-4 Droopys Fear, 3 Farloe Dice, 7-2 Eye Onthe Flyer, 5 Bower Woods, 11-2 Now Im Sexy.

8.32 (Open) 575m
1 2441 Aulton Swallow (rl ro) 00.00
2 1426 **ACE PRESENT** (rl ep) 36.33
3 611S Hondos Glory (md fw) 36.62
4 2312 Droopys Verona (md ep) 00.00
5 2311 Perceptive Pacey (wd fw) 00.00
6 4124 Lanos (wd fw) 37.33
Star betting: 5-2 Perceptive Pacey, 3 Ace Present, 4 Droopys Verona, Lanos, 11-2 Hondos Glory.

8.48 (Open) 400m
1 1223 **Rio Jimmy** (rl ep) 24.62
2 4264 Four White Socks (rl ep) 24.56
3 2231 Blue Buttons (md ep) 24.60
4 4144 Hey Ya (md ep) 00.00
5 2122 Old Jamaikey (wd ro) 24.53
6 2111 **FEAR ASSASSIN (nb)** (sa ro) 24.24
Star betting: 4-6 Fear Assassin, 4 Rio Jimmy, 5 Four White Socks, 6 Old Jamaikey, 8 Blue Buttons.

9.04 (Open) 400m
1 5144 Beam Us Onwards (rl ep) 24.63
2 4662 **Newlawn John** (rl ep) 24.35
3 3331 Deanridge Geeza (md fw) 24.71
4 6221 **BUCKLAND PEER** (md fw) 24.44
5 4241 Smooth Brewster (wd ro) 24.85
6 2231 Rough Exit (wd ep) 24.68
Star betting: 9-4 Buckland Peer, 7-2 Newlawn John, 4 Deanridge Geeza, 9-2 Rough Exit, 5 Smooth Brewster.

9.20 (Open) 575m
1 1314 Return To Suir (rl ro) 00.00
2 4151 Laka Lass (rl ro) 36.01
3 3335 Knockard Moth (md ep) 00.00
4 4125 **Lurriga Cheer** (md ep) 00.00
5 S635 Philfen Azure (wd ro) 00.00
6 1241 **BLONDE BELLE** (wd ep) 36.24
Star betting: 5-2 Blonde Belle, 3 Lurriga Cheer, 7-2 Laka Lass, 9-2 Knockard Moth, 5 Philfen Azure.

9.36 (Open) 400m
1 1321 **MICKS MASSINO** (rl ro) 24.41
2 2253 **Handsome Hog** (rl ep) 24.41
3 6314 Any Time Now (md ro) 24.32
4 1334 Big Archie (md ep) 00.00
5 4151 Minnies Hannah (wd ro) 24.47
6 4221 Newlawn Legend (sa ro) 24.55
Star betting: 2 Micks Massino, 5-2 Handsome Hog, 4 Any Time Now, 9-2 Newlawn Legend, 11-2 Big Archie.

9.52 (Open) 575m
1 1154 Courts Ad Crissy (rl ro) 36.16
2 2663 Jack David (rl ep) 36.46
3 3552 Rhincrew Pamela (md ro) 36.02
4 4125 Coconut Grove (md fw) 36.29
5 1522 **Airtech Robbo** (wd ep) 35.84
6 5411 **JOES HILL** (wd ep) 36.04
Star betting: 2 Joes Hill, 11-4 Airtech Robbo, 9-2 Jack David, Rhincrew Pamela, 5 Coconut Grove.

10.08 (Open) 400m
1 1454 Nil Finance (rl ro) 00.00
2 6221 **Buckland Wally** (rl ro) 24.23
3 4112 **FLAME OF HOPE** (md ep) 24.13
4 3113 Bluetown Prince (md ep) 24.39
5 1245 Tornaroy Title (wd ep) 00.00
6 2321 High St Ben (wd ep) 24.36
Star betting: 7-4 Flame Of Hope, 3 Buckland Wally, 9-2 Bluetown Prince, 5 Nil Finance, 6 High St Ben.

10.24 (Open) 575m
1 5411 **Tinopener** (rl ro) 35.41
2 6525 **DENMARKNICK** (rl ep) 35.91
3 1344 Bell Challenger (md ro) 00.00
4 3451 Fear Rebel (md ep) 36.44
5 5244 Shes The Deal (md ep) 00.00
6 1124 Thatsortofway (wd ro) 35.82
Star betting: 6-4 Denmarknick, 9-4 Tinopener, 9-2 Thatsortofway, 6 Bell Challenger, 7 Fear Rebel.

10.40 (Open) 750m
1 3433 **CHAKALAK ATTACK** (rl ro) 48.47
2 4545 Paradiso (rl ep) 48.88
3 1441 Boozed Rebel (md ro) 48.90
4 6431 Hi Nicholas (md ep) 48.66
5 2351 Allglaze Spider (wd ep) 00.00
6 1223 **Somewhere Mylove** (wd ro) 00.00
Star betting: 9-4 Somewhere Mylove, 3 Chakalak Attack, 7-2 Boozed Rebel, 4 Hi Nicholas, 6 Allglaze Spider

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WIMBLEDON

11.26 (A6) 460m
1 4354 Miss Thunder (rl ro) 28.57
2 6241 Lughill Flutter (rl ep) 28.63
3 3212 **Boherash Tasha** (sa ro) 28.47
4 2233 **TUDOR HONCHO (nb)** (sa ro) 28.28
5 1345 Notanothersale (ep ro) 28.52
6 5114 Covent Garden (wd fw) 28.41
Star betting: 11-4 Tudor Honcho, Covent Garden, 4 Boherash Tasha, 9-2 Miss Thunder, 5 Lughill Flutter, 11-2 Notanothersale.

11.41 (A7) 460m
1 1553 **DALERIDGE STYLE** (ep rl) 28.63
2 1526 Boherash Warrior (ep ro) 28.55
3 1623 **Rockmount Kit** (md ro) 28.48
4 5623 Elmstead Prince (md ro) 28.73
5 2331 Unknown Minnie (wd ro) 28.55
6 4115 Joes A Dazzler (wd ep) 28.74
Star betting: 3 Daleridge Style, Rockmount Kit, 7-2 Boherash Warrior, 9-2 Unknown Minnie, 5 Elmstead Prince, Joes A Dazzler.

11.55 (A9) 460m
1 2342 Darrens Lady (rl ep) 28.83
2 5335 Jamaican Gem (ep rl) 28.89
3 1352 **MOYNE BRIDGE** (md ro) 28.61
4 2264 Doneagainjon (md ep) 28.75
5 2665 Storetodoor Jo (wd ro) 28.65
6 1155 **Oasis Kildare** (wd ep) 28.82
Star betting: 3 Moyne Bridge, Storetodoor Jo, Oasis Kildare, 5 Doneagainjon, Jamaican Gem, Darrens Lady.

12.09 (A6) 460m
1 1165 Distant Redwood (rl ro) 28.53
2 6512 Grafton Lad (ep rl) 28.38
3 1546 Ballyregan Cash (sa ro) 28.62
4 1433 **JENNYS JO** (md ro) 28.36
5 3612 **Forest Tina** (sa fw) 28.50
6 4231 Short Like Colin (wd ro) 28.51
Star betting: 3 Jennys Jo, 7-2 Grafton Lad, 4 Distant Redwood, Forest Tina, Short Like Colin, 5 Ballyregan Cash.

12.23 (H2 H'dle) 460m
1 5526 Rockmount Charm (rl ep) 29.18
2 1422 Best Dancer (ep rl) 28.93
3 1511 Cawnpore Bullet (sa ro) 28.91
4 2133 **Ivors Surprise** (md ro) 28.96
5 6655 Beaufort Speedy (ep wd) 29.36
6 6535 **DRUIDS GORM BLUE** (wd ep) 29.13
Star betting: 3 Ivors Surprise, Beaufort Speedy, Druids Gorm Blue, 5 Rockmount Charm, Best Dancer, Cawnpore Bullet.

12.37 (A8) 460m
1 5441 Bozz Spots (rl ep) 28.63
2 2555 Keenogue Girl (rl ep) 28.66
3 3534 Jacobs Cooking (sa fw) 28.68
4 2164 **Getarun Chester** (md ro) 28.61
5 4226 **VANILLA FUDGE** (wd fw) 28.56
6 6632 Whoppin Walter (wd ep) 28.60
Star betting: 3 Getarun Chester, Vanilla Fudge, 4 Whoppin Walter, 9-2 Jacobs Cooking, Bozz Spots, 5 Keenogue Girl.

12.51 (A5) 460m
1 3111 Raybeam (rl ep) 28.63
2 2152 Striker Pose (rl ep) 28.50
3 2615 **HOLLYOAK TERN (NAP)** (sa fw) 28.27
4 3133 **Sims Jo** (sa ro) 28.38
5 5411 Cahills Cross (wd ep) 28.65
6 2151 Rascal Chappie (wd fw) 28.45
Star betting: 3 Hollyoak Tern, Sims Jo, Rascal Chappie, 9-2 Raybeam, 5 Cahills Cross, Striker Pose.

1.06 (A3) 460m
1 4422 **TWINCAM RAMBO** (rl fw) 28.07
2 2416 Giglis Belle (sa ro) 28.22
3 2131 Millabbey Keano (md ep) 28.28
4 5262 Dalcash Maeve (md ro) 28.21
5 5545 **Mercury Hope** (sa fw) 28.15
6 6661 Hannahs Vieri (wd fw) 28.18
Star betting: 3 Twincam Rambo, 7-2 Mercury Hope, 4 Millabbey Keano, Dalcash Maeve.

1.19 (A8) 460m
1 1211 Dog Biscuit (rl ep) 28.83
2 5265 Farloe Heights (ep rl) 28.57
3 1323 Sharons Sandy (sa ro) 28.33
4 3356 Torphin Sunset (sa ro) 28.69
5 4254 **On Stage Roisin** (wd ep) 28.64
6 1231 **PAPPION** (wd ep) 28.68
Star betting: 3 Pappion, 7-2 On Stage Roisin, Torphin Sunset, 4 Sharons Sandy, 9-2 Dog Biscuit.

1.33 (A4) 460m
1 2134 Deenside Captain (rl ep) 28.40
2 6431 Backin A Flash (ep rl) 28.40
3 5344 **Enchanting Role** (sa ro) 28.32
4 1146 Rushwee Logo (md ro) 28.36
5 3441 Eightmileroad (wd ro) 28.36
6 3241 **COME ON CARTER** (wd ep) 28.35
Star betting: 3 Come On Carter, 7-2 Enchanting Role, 4 Rushwee Logo, Eightmileroad.

1.51 (A7) 460m
1 6113 **Arizona Paul** (rl ep) 28.68
2 2123 Arrow Lad (rl ro) 28.63
3 5431 Magical Doc (md ro) 28.60
4 1233 **MUSTANG SATURN** (md ro) 28.49
5 1122 Election Rocky (wd ep) 28.54
6 6554 Orema Flash (wd fw) 28.66
Star betting: 5-2 Mustang Saturn, 7-2 Arizona Paul, Election Rocky, 9-2 Orema Flash.

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11.34 (A7) 475m
1 2141 Grange Mabs (rl fw) 29.91
2 2143 **MABILL MICK** (rl ro) 29.62
3 5662 Tiptree Madonna (sa fw) 29.66
4 4556 Notinthekitchen (md ep) 29.70
5 4433 Black One (wd ep) 29.86
6 6666 **Crash Out** (wd fw) 29.56
Star betting: 5-2 Mabill Mick, 7-2 Crash Out, 4 Black One, Tiptree Madonna, 9-2 Grange Mabs, 11-2 Notinthekitchen.

11.48 (A5) 475m
1 1222 **Hurricane Joe** (rl fw) 29.45
2 4142 Glenard Oak (rl ro) 29.47
3 6422 Dooree Jet (md fw) 29.37
4 1236 Sophie Rose (md ep) 29.33
5 6563 Kosher Colin (wd fw) 29.37
6 3146 **TRITOWERS** (wd ro) 29.31
Star betting: 3 Tritowers, 7-2 Hurricane Joe, 4 Sophie Rose, Kosher Colin, Glenard Oak, 5 Dooree Jet.

12.02 (A3) 475m
1 4132 Blue Vegas (rl ep) 29.30
2 6613 **Killacolla Champ** (rl ep) 29.20
3 3112 **FRANKS QUEST (NAP)** (md ro) 29.30
4 2165 Minnies Sinalco (sa fw) 29.34
5 3422 Larkhill Banjo (wd ro) 29.06
6 3146 Take Them On (wd ro) 29.24
Star betting: 3 Franks Quest, 7-2 Killacolla Champ, Larkhill Banjo, 4 Blue Vegas, Take Them On, 11-2 Minnies Sinalco.

12.16 (A6) 475m
1 6411 Richmond Rumble (rl ep) 29.42
2 5142 Ring Margie (rl fw) 29.68
3 5133 Ballyneale All (md fw) 29.57
4 6324 **BEST PROSPECT** (sa fw) 29.35
5 16S6 **Lufar** (sa fw) 29.22
6 6412 Ongar Dolly (wd ro) 29.43
Star betting: 3 Best Prospect, Lufar, 7-2 Richmond Rumble, Ongar Dolly, 5 Ballyneale All, 11-2 Ring Margie.

12.29 (A8) 475m
1 4315 Gowan Joes Ace (rl ro) 29.92
2 6655 Molly Moloko (rl fw) 29.94
3 1352 Scoobey Kid (md fw) 29.93
4 5135 **Dungarvans Magic** (md ro) 29.89
5 2162 **PRACTICAL MADAM** (wd ro) 29.54
6 3431 Toosey Jim (wd ro) 30.08
Star betting: 5-2 Practical Madam, 3 Dungarvans Magic, 7-2 Gowan Joes Ace.

12.44 (S3) 640m
1 2122 Boozer (rl fw) 40.77
2 4362 Marcourt (rl fw) 40.66
3 2346 **BUDD THE WISER** (md ro) 40.60
4 34S5 So Graceful (md ep) 40.82
5 5635 **Attykitt Dream** (wd ro) 40.18
6 2333 Quiescent Image (wd ro) 40.83
Star betting: 5-2 Budd The Wiser, Attykitt Dream, 7-2 Boozer, 11-2 So Graceful, Marcourt.

12.58 (A5) 475m
1 3222 **Knockembacknutta** (rl ro) 29.54
2 4211 **OPTIMISTIC LUCKY (nb)** (sa fw) 29.43
3 1445 Veritys Knight (md ep) 29.45
4 3532 Smoking Nikita (sa ro) 29.56
5 5663 Vicals Ben (wd fw) 29.41
6 2465 Aero Classic (wd ep) 29.26
Star betting: 11-4 Knockembacknutta, Optimistic Lucky, 3 Aero Classic, 5 Vicals Ben.

1.12 (A9) 475m
1 3535 Lady Kegan (rl ro) 30.04
2 1463 Toosey Deb (rl ro) 30.09
3 6543 **Parkers Pride** (md ro) 29.89
4 3S64 Blarney Crystal (md ro) 29.99
5 6154 **WHITE HART CHAMP** (wd ep) 30.17
6 2552 Marshals Flair (wd ep) 30.08
Star betting: 3 Parkers Pride, Marshals Flair, 7-2 White Hart Champ, 4 Toosey Deb, 5 Lady Kegan, Blarney Crystal.

1.27 (A4) 475m
1 6224 **BLARNEY PRIMROSE** (rl ro) 29.10
2 6443 Shelbourne Sun (rl ro) 29.39
3 5643 Independant Blue (md ro) 29.20
4 4211 **Tinky Rolls** (md ro) 29.32
5 1354 Marokaga (wd ep) 29.22
6 6364 Katies Lark (wd ro) 29.28
Star betting: 5-2 Blarney Primrose, 3 Tinky Rolls, Marokaga, 11-2 Shelbourne Sun.

1.44 (A7) 475m
1 1252 **DANBURY SLIM** (rl ro) 29.73
2 5211 **Rambleys Fawn** (rl ro) 29.78
3 3364 Express Freedom (md fw) 29.76
4 3321 Icecream Parlour (md ro) 29.62
5 4145 Moonamoe Ranger (sa ro) 29.58
6 2252 Fat Boy Joe (wd ep) 29.76
Star betting: 3 Danbury Slim, 7-2 Rambleys Fawn, Icecream Parlour, 4 Moonamoe Ranger, Fat Boy Joe, 5 Express Freedom.

2.03 (A6) 475m
1 6211 Blarney Swell (rl fw) 29.59
2 2236 Unlikely Flight (rl ro) 29.69
3 4115 Lady Orchard (md ro) 29.49
4 3221 **Limited Time** (md fw) 29.52
5 2454 Frankim Caroo (wd ro) 29.46
6 6456 **SLANEYSIDE ELLIE** (wd ep) 29.38
Star betting: 3 Slaneyside Ellie, 7-2 Frankim Caroo, Limited Time, 4 Lady Orchard, Blarney Swell,

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2.18 (A4) 480m
1 4343 Lifes A Dilemma (rl ro) 28.91
2 2123 **Jon Shaft** (rl ro) 29.00
3 3654 Target Tizer (md ep) 28.86
4 2325 Elderberry Owen (md ro) 28.87
5 2231 Sandons Treasure (wd ro) 28.91
6 5123 **MONKSPATH LUCAN** (wd ro) 28.70
Star betting: 5-2 Monkspath Lucan, 3 Jon Shaft, 4 Target Tizer, 9-2 Sandons Treasure.

2.37 (A4) 480m
1 1122 Ardera Dasher (rl ro) 29.03
2 1652 Ballygore Direct (rl ro) 29.05
3 1121 **ROMEO HOMBRE (NAP)** (md ro) 29.23
4 6213 **Greenview Whiz** (md ro) 29.02
5 3136 Elderberry Becks (wd ro) 29.20
6 3616 Kalease (wd ro) 29.03
Star betting: 5-2 Romeo Hombre, 3 Greenview Whiz, 7-2 Ardera Dasher, 5 Elderberry Becks.

2.57 (A4) 480m
1 2511 **Beacons Angie** (rl ro) 29.09
2 1211 **LOUIES HONCHO (nb)** (rl ro) 29.30
3 4342 Passion N Pace (md ep) 29.26
4 2241 Tearful Tiff (md ep) 29.07
5 6651 Elderberry Nemo (wd ro) 29.15
6 1331 Ecosse Desire (wd ro) 29.34
Star betting: 11-4 Beacons Angie, Louies Honcho, Tearful Tiff, 11-2 Passion N Pace.

3.17 (A3) 480m
1 1441 Conspiracy Club (rl ro) 28.92
2 4112 **Celtic Secret** (rl ep) 28.94
3 2612 Bold Trump (md ro) 28.69
4 1213 **DISTANT CLASSIC** (md fw) 28.79
5 3315 Sandons Storm (wd ro) 28.82
6 1631 Ballinabola Jem (wd ep) 29.00
Star betting: 11-4 Bold Trump, 3 Distant Classic, 4 Conspiracy Club, Celtic Secret.

3.38 (A4) 480m
1 4624 Hildas Star (rl ep) 28.96
2 2531 **AIR FORCE DELTA** (rl ep) 28.95
3 6531 Shy Prince (md ro) 29.07
4 3244 Parklife Tom (md ro) 29.07
5 3234 Fionntra Becks (wd ep) 29.08
6 2365 **Sandons Madam** (wd ro) 28.93
Star betting: 3 Air Force Delta, Sandons Madam, 7-2 Fionntra Becks, 9-2 Hildas Star.

3.58 (S4) 630m
1 1225 Kingsholm Flyer (rl fw) 39.29
2 1516 Minshull Emma (rl ro) 39.11
3 3666 Fabulous Tara (md fw) 39.53
4 1352 **Bridge Gamble** (md ep) 39.29
5 4543 Elbony Cross (wd ep) 39.31
6 1434 **LAKERS CHARLIE** (wd ro) 39.01
Star betting: 5-2 Lakers Charlie, 3 Bridge Gamble, 7-2 Minshull Emma, 4 Kingsholm Flyer.

4.18 (A4) 480m
1 2444 Dels Belle (rl ro) 29.20
2 5312 **Giddyup Gaynor** (rl ep) 29.13
3 5661 **HOLD THAT TIGER** (md ro) 28.96
4 1264 Davitt Tiger (md ro) 29.18
5 2316 Ballydaniel Scot (wd ro) 29.18
6 2161 Bakers Bridget (wd ro) 29.32
Star betting: 5-2 Hold That Tiger, 3 Giddyup Gaynor, 9-2 Dels Belle, Davitt Tiger, Ballydaniel Scot

4.37 (A5) 480m
1 5422 Ardera Nibs (rl ro) 29.23
2 1323 **Moyar Gi Gi** (rl ro) 29.12
3 2541 Beacons Niamh (md ep) 29.14
4 5146 Kits Favourite (md fw) 29.28
5 1445 **CLIPPER** (wd ep) 28.80
6 2434 Eastfieldplayboy (wd ep) 29.31
Star betting: 11-4 Clipper, 3 Moyar Gi Gi, 9-2 Beacons Niamh, Kits Favourite, Ardera Nibs.

4.57 (A8) 480m
1 2311 Oriental Cross (rl fw) 29.68
2 661 Go Pronto (rl ep) 29.59
3 S264 Lakers Laura (md fw) 29.59
4 3556 Spot Superstar (md ro) 29.65
5 6343 **ARDERA BABOON** (wd fw) 29.25
6 5432 **Jasmins Lad** (wd ro) 29.43
Star betting: 5-2 Ardera Baboon, Jasmins Lad, 4 Oriental Cross, 5 Go Pronto, 11-2 Lakers Laura.

5.17 (S5) 630m
1 4441 Fast Fit Classic (rl ro) 39.33
2 6263 Dingle Driver (rl ro) 39.31
3 5635 Rahan Prince (md fw) 39.55
4 4444 **Unattached** (md fw) 39.28
5 3131 **LYCLEAR** (wd ro) 39.59
6 4632 Toumpane Wonder (wd ep) 39.42
Star betting: 5-2 Lyclear, 3 Unattached, Fast Fit Classic, 5 Dingle Driver, 11-2 Rahan Prince.

5.33 (A5) 480m
1 2553 Minshull Ray (rl ep) 29.29
2 6243 **SONNY BOY KING** (rl ro) 29.05
3 1552 Montys Scully (md fw) 29.45
4 4425 Listowel Jackpot (md ro) 29.37
5 3513 Bulls Beauty (wd ro) 29.28
6 5216 **Lakers Jo** (wd ro) 29.18
Star betting: 5-2 Sonny Boy King, Lakers Jo, 7-2 Bulls Beauty, 5 Listowel Jackpot.

5.48 (A5) 480m
1 5465 Elderberry Henri (rl ro) 29.19
2 S655 Romeo Pacino (rl ep) 29.61
3 2521 **Skagway** (md ep) 29.28
4 1434 Coolmoher Lady (md ep) 29.54
5 1245 **KELYNS ROSE** (wd fw) 29.24
6 4141 Kefcar Sandy (wd fw) 29.40
Star betting: 11-4 Kelyns Rose, 3 Skagway, 7-2 Kefcar Sandy, 4 Elderberry Henri, 11-2 Romeo Pacino, Coolmoher Lady.

6.04 (A6) 480m
1 3333 **ELDERBERRY ZOLA** (rl ep) 29.14
2 1333 Coolruss Flicker (rl ep) 29.18
3 2422 Beacons Prospect (md fw) 29.16
4 2444 Proud Kewell (md ep) 29.32
5 4322 Minshull Mo (wd ep) 29.27
6 4332 **Billis Ozzy** (wd fw) 29.21
Star betting: 11-4 Elderberry Zola, 3 Billis Ozzy, 7-2 Minshull Mo, 4 Beacons Prospect.

6.19 (A7) 480m
1 5163 Jimbettstar (rl ro) 29.48
2 2222 Parkstown Star (rl ro) 29.46
3 2465 Singsongdingdong (md ep) 29.49
4 5126 **Zoes Best** (md ro) 29.45
5 2651 Joels Mimas (wd fw) 29.52
6 5414 **DREDDINTHEWEDDIN** (wd ro) 29.43
Star betting: 5-2 Dreddintheweddin, 3 Zoes Best, 4 Joels Mimas, 9-2 Parkstown Star, Jimbettstar, 11-2 Singsongdingdong.

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2.08 (A4) 480m
1 62 2 **Bims Rocket** (rl ep) 29.69
2 31 1 Fergus Lily (rl ep) 29.74
3 46 4 Tonite Josephine (ep fw) 29.65
4 63 1 Shale Deevers (sa fw) 29.90
5 1512 **LEATHEMS LAD** (wd fw) 29.64
6 3433 Gerpats Again (wd ep) 29.82
Star betting: 3 Bims Rocket, Leathems Lad, 4 Tonite Josephine, Fergus Lily, 5 Shale Deevers.

2.27 (A8) 480m
1 6432 Regent Amanda (rl ep) 30.45
2 5542 Bunatern Teaser (ep rl) 30.61
3 5523 **Chilli Cheetah** (md ro) 30.43
4 3516 Tottingham Girl (md ro) 30.35
5 1131 **TWO LEFT FEET (nb)** (ep ro) 30.61
6 6341 Princess Cut (wd ro) 30.49
Star betting: 3 Two Left Feet, 7-2 Tottingham Girl, Chilli Cheetah, Princess Cut.

2.47 (A7) 480m
1 52 4 **Alfie Micmac** (ep ro) 30.17
2 66 5 Egford Lulu (sa ro) 30.18
3 22 6 **HOME RUN** (md ep) 30.13
4 24 2 Rackethall Tracy (md ro) 30.27
5 4431 Coleview Millie (sa fw) 30.20
6 2d12 Hot Jewels (wd ep) 30.00
Star betting: 3 Alfie Micmac, Home Run, 7-2 Hot Jewels, 4 Coleview Millie, 5 Egford Lulu.

3.07 (A4) 480m
1 2242 Rathanny Maid (ep rl) 29.82
2 2425 Lisnakill Helga (ep rl) 29.85
3 2122 **Toosey Lark** (md ro) 29.81
4 36 1 **CRISSIES BEAT** (md ro) 29.61
5 3 31 Rural Yank (wd ro) 29.76
6 4451 Jamella Champ (ep ro) 29.78
Star betting: 3 Lisnakill Helga, Toosey Lark, Crissies Beat, 5 Rathanny Maid, Rural Yank.

3.28 (A5) 480m
1 44 5 Dinn Re Orchard (rl ep) 30.03
2 3615 **BLACK HAWK DOWN** (ep ro) 29.94
3 2421 **Sahara Rumble** (md ro) 30.02
4 5153 Tom Joes Flyer (md ep) 30.07
5 43 1 Action Duchess (ep ro) 29.99
6 15 6 All Whitey Then (wd ep) 30.07
Star betting: 3 Black Hawk Down, Sahara Rumble, 7-2 Action Duchess, 9-2 Tom Joes Flyer.

3.48 (A7) 480m
1 33 5 **Glencroft Luck** (rl ep) 30.28
2 2152 **MOSSLEY FLASH** (ep rl) 30.31
3 54 5 Frightfully Posh (sa fw) 30.34
4 1532 Marston Pearl (md ro) 30.36
5 3654 Call The Butler (wd ep) 30.53
6 3354 Lamanaugh Cross (ep wd) 30.24
Star betting: 3 Mossley Flash, 7-2 Glencroft Luck, Marston Pearl, Lamanaugh Cross.

4.08 (A3) 480m
1 26 6 Rich Rascal (rl ep) 29.68
2 4564 **Mahogany Mint** (rl ro) 29.45
3 4355 Fancy Jewel (md ro) 29.60
4 3111 **HAZELBURY RANGER (NAP)** (md ep) 29.65
5 4452 Send It Glory (wd fw) 29.61
6 1363 Get Over It (wd ro) 29.67
Star betting: 11-4 Mahogany Mint, Hazelbury Ranger, 9-2 Send It Glory, Get Over It, 5 Fancy Jewel.

4.27 (A6) 480m
1 42 1 Kuda Fun (ep rl) 30.20
2 6346 Barraduff Sandie (rl ep) 30.27
3 41 2 **JOSHUAS BLUEGIRL** (md ro) 30.05
4 2213 Delius Venus (md ro) 30.11
5 3166 **Sarahs Bingo** (ep wd) 29.88
6 1255 Mountgale Gamble (wd fw) 30.15
Star betting: 3 Joshuas Bluegirl, Sarahs Bingo, 7-2 Delius Venus, 9-2 Mountgale Gamble.

4.48 (A6) 480m
1 1655 **BRIGAND BRUNO** (rl ep) 29.88
2 22 6 Avago Will (ep rl) 30.21
3 1165 Robins Raider (md ro) 30.43
4 13 6 Young Gunner (sa fw) 30.18
5 66 4 Dubai Sabi (wd ep) 30.21
6 1431 **Greenville Walk** (wd fw) 30.01
Star betting: 3 Brigand Bruno, Greenville Walk, 4 Young Gunner, Avago Will, 5 Dubai Sabi.

5.07 (A5) 480m
1 25 5 Blackhall Ranger (rl ep) 29.96
2 1543 **TEEPEE MAJOR** (ep ro) 29.86
3 3252 **Taras One** (ep md) 29.90
4 5212 Penwith Princess (ep md) 29.98
5 6525 Oi Oi Saveloy (sa fw) 29.84
6 6514 Yardys Flashback (wd fw) 30.03
Star betting: 7-2 Teepee Major, Taras One, Penwith Princess, Oi Oi Saveloy.

5.27 (A4) 480m
1 2255 **GREED FACTOR** (rl ep) 29.75
2 4324 Inchydoney Sand (rl ep) 29.87
3 6544 Broadacres Ryan (md ro) 29.79
4 1216 Boher Nell (sa fw) 29.86
5 1353 **Private Pilot** (wd ro) 29.60
6 11 6 Marston Gold (wd fw) 29.70
Star betting: 3 Greed Factor, Boher Nell, Private Pilot, 5 Inchydoney Sand, Broadacres Ryan, Marston Gold.

5.44 (A3) 480m
1 5364 Glin Magic (rl ep) 29.66
2 2113 **ANFLORA** (rl ep) 29.67
3 25 3 Classy Kewell (sa ro) 29.76
4 12 1 Blanco (sa fw) 29.67
5 1424 Kylegrove Rory (sa fw) 29.66
6 16 4 **Trying Times** (wd fw) 29.61
Star betting: 3 Anflora, 7-2 Kylegrove Rory, Trying Times, 9-2 Blanco, Glin Magic, Classy Kewell.

5.58 (A4) 480m
1 55 5 Joy Of Nell (rl ep) 29.85
2 4216 **BLACKBURN MICH** (rl ep) 29.96
3 63 4 Lurriga Lark (md ro) 29.94
4 53 6 Nalbandian (sa fw) 29.73
5 6646 **Black Road Girl** (wd ep) 29.77
6 13 6 Razzle Dazzler (wd ro) 29.96
Star betting: 3 Blackburn Mich, Nalbandian, Black Road Girl, 5 Joy Of Nell, Lurriga Lark.

6.11 (A5) 480m
1 5463 Mella Ince (rl ep) 29.94
2 4445 Glenbrien Cindy (rl ep) 29.97
3 3 23 **ANYMORE NEWS** (sa ro) 29.71
4 6244 **Posh Porsche** (md ro) 29.87
5 3452 Daybreaks Vieri (wd ep) 29.94
6 55 4 Girls Night Inn (ep wd) 29.95
Star betting: 3 Anymore News, Posh Porsche, 7-2 Mella Ince, 4 Daybreaks Vieri, 5 Glenbrien Cindy, Girls Night Inn.

MAGIC BOXES

TRAP that has won the most races at todays BAGS meetings
MONMORE: TRAP 3 (12 wins from 56 races)
SWINDON: TRAP 4 (12 wins from 39 races)
WALTHAMSTOW: TRAP 1 (12 wins from 50 races)
WIMBLEDON: TRAP 6 (12 wins from 44 races)
TRAP that's shown the best level stake return at todays BAGS meetings
MONMORE: TRAP 3 (-£7.75)
SWINDON: TRAP 4 (+£17.83)
WALTHAMSTOW: TRAP 1 (+£3.50)
WIMBLEDON: TRAP 6 (+£15.00)
FORECAST that has won most races at todays BAGS meetings
MONMORE: 3-5
SWINDON: 5-3
WALTHAMSTOW: 1-3
WIMBLEDON: 2-6 & 6-5

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

SUNDERLAND

11.26: **Hollin Moth** (2) 6-1, Baltimore Lady (1) 5-1, bf: £36.18, tri: (2-1-4) £121.91. 11.41: **Craan Twister** (3) 2-1 fav, Union Girl (4) 6-1, NR: Ballyregan Dove (res), bf: £15.05, tri: (3-4-6) £44.90. 11.55: **Alston Warrior** (2) 2-1 fav, Brookline Chill (6) 5-1, bf: £14.57, tri: (2-6-4) £30.17. 12.09: **Economy Drive** (2) 5-1, Ryedale Jaguar (3) 2-1 fav, bf: £20.70, tri: (2-3-4) £58.67. 12.23: **Shoot Low** (4) 4-1, Murlough Toff (3) 7-2, bf: £24.34, tri: (4-3-5) £86.77. 12.37: **Trevs Joy** (4) 5-2 fav, Not The Double (6) 5-1, bf: £16.18, tri: (4-6-3) £47.81. 12.51: **Big Harry** (6) 7-4 fav, Sporty Vixen (1) 5-1, bf: £11.39, tri: (6-1-4) £32.91. 1.06: **Bansha May** (4) 3-1, Stand Off (5) 3-1, bf: £14.86, tri: (4-5-1) £52.71. 1.19: **Tullia Royal** (1) 5-1, Tornaroy Tip (6) 4-1, bf: £32.65, tri: (1-6-3) £114.56. 1.33: **Hecanhitit** (4) 7-2, Bamboo Halle (6) 7-2, bf: £19.62, tri: (4-6-3) £52.10. 1.51: **Smooth Profile** (4) 6-1, Dubh Na Cole (1) 5-1, bf: £48.12, tri: (4-1-6) £131.56. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £391.00, **(races 6-11)** £481.00.

SHEFFIELD

11.34: **Chatsworth Bale** (6) 7-2, Aughrims Ace (4) 2-1 fav, bf: £16.52, tri: (6-4-5) £52.99. 11.48: **Head Iton Houghy** (5) 11-4, Star At Nine (3) 7-2, bf: £17.47, tri: (5-3-2) £58.91. 12.02: **Gatelodge Petal** (2) 9-2, Game And Gifted (4) 3-1, bf: £26.82, tri: (2-4-1) £95.09. 12.16: **Anacartan Bale** (1) 7-1, Smart King (5) 5-2 jt-fav, bf: £37.14, tri: (1-5-4) £93.79. 12.29: **Confident Bunny** (2) 5-2 jt-fav, Vieris Storm (1) 5-1, bf: £16.00, tri: (2-1-3) £39.49. 12.44: **Frankies Lily** (3) 4-1, Concept Vieri (5) 11-2, bf: £31.18, tri: (3-5-2) £81.88. 12.58: **Dogontherun** (5) 11-4 jt-fav, Gatelodge Lily (3) 7-2, bf: £16.47, tri: (5-3-4) £55.16. 1.12: **Vixens Prince** (2) 7-4 fav, Distant Love (6) 9-4, bf: £7.13, tri: (2-6-5) £18.71. 1.27: **Knocknaree Star** (1) 5-1, Bolly The Banker (3) 2-1 fav, bf: £19.92, tri: (1-3-2) £54.41. 1.44: **Mickey Doodle** (4) 5-1, Rachel In Flight (1) 3-1, bf: £28.06, tri: (4-1-2) £110.62. 2.03: **Wobbling Dolly** (1) 5-2, Rockmount Stack (6) 9-4 fav, bf: £9.20, tri: (1-6-2) £31.17. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £455.00, **(races 6-11)** £109.00.

ROMFORD

2.08: **Lady Radcliffe** (1) 7-2, Steely Dan (3) 9-2, bf: £22.43, tri: (1-3-6) £71.90. 2.27: **Alrita Lilac** (5) 3-1, Wheres Rosie (2) 7-2, bf: £18.88, tri: (5-2-3) £56.75. 2.47: **Fandango Gypsy** (1) 9-2, Heath Lady (3) 5-1, bf: £31.02, tri: (1-3-4) £96.48. 3.07: **Asti Moyne** (1) 7-2, Kevins Pal (4) 6-1, bf: £30.38, tri: (1-4-3) £98.03. 3.28: **Powerfast Wiz** (5) 4-1, Dainty Pat (4) 5-2 fav, bf: £20.31, tri: (5-4-3) £60.52. 3.48: **Athboy Star** (6) 11-2, Quills Prince (1) 5-1, bf: £34.65, tri: (6-1-4) £68.97. 4.08: **Gurrane Cherry** (3) 7-4 fav, Shamtastic (1) 9-2, bf: £11.28, tri: (3-1-6) £36.27. 4.27: **Pappa Fourway** (5) 7-2, Rummy Duke (4) 7-2, bf: £21.27, tri: (5-4-6) £73.18. 4.48: **Xaar Sequoyah** (3) 9-4 fav, Oscars Magic (2) 4-1, bf: £11.85, tri: (3-2-4) £35.33. 5.07: **Caramac Attack** (3) 2-1 fav, Lockwood Sachs (2) 9-4, bf: £7.82, tri: (3-2-5) £20.81. 5.27: **Ardera Stacey** (2) 2-1 jt-fav, Carlow Lady (6) 6-1, bf: £18.92, tri: (2-6-4) £90.11. 5.44: **Leon** (1) 7-2, Different Gravy (2) 9-2, bf: £19.16, tri: (1-2-6) £66.75. 5.58: **Angels Boy** (2) 7-2, Dabchick Goshawk (6) 5-1, bf: £29.35, tri: (2-6-4) £88.63. 6.11: **Lika Flyer** (1) 2-1 fav, Randals Ross (3) 3-1, bf: £9.87, tri: (1-3-4) £24.96. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £1,041.00, **(races 9-14)** £122.00.

CRAYFORD

2.18: **Black Karen** (3) 5-1, Happy Chappie (1) 2-1 fav, bf: £19.64, tri: (3-1-5) £57.12. 2.37: **County Squaw** (4) 4-1, Moorshill Dink (2) 7-2 jt-fav, bf: £21.40, tri: (4-2-5) £69.97. 2.57: **Gortown Toncho** (6) 9-2, Billy No Mates (2) 9-2, bf: £30.20, tri: (6-2-3) £73.22. 3.17: **Annual Edge** (1) 11-4, Newlawn Sophie (4) 5-2 fav, bf: £11.92, tri: (1-4-6) £37.26. 3.38: **Tims Request** (1) 5-2 fav, Resident Guest (6) 6-1, bf: £18.36, tri: (1-6-5) £64.47. 3.58: **Shinnagh Cross** (1) 6-1, Bit Of Rough (4) 7-2, bf: £35.16, tri: (1-4-6) £94.97. 4.18: **Winning Frisby** (3) 7-2 jt-fav, Billys Queen (6) 4-1, bf: £20.02, tri: (3-6-5) £66.43. 4.37: **Peckham Boy** (1) 4-1, Eileens Rock (3) 3-1 fav, bf: £18.00, tri: (1-3-6) £58.17. 4.57: **Xamax Radcliffe** (2) 4-1, Shooting Hero (3) 4-1, bf: £25.44, tri: (2-3-6) £80.78. 5.17: **Shooting Lady** (4) 9-4 fav, Roberstown Magic (5) 5-1, bf: £15.04, tri: (4-5-6) £40.58. 5.33: **Feach Anseo** (4) 3-1 fav, Ardera Holly (6) 9-2, bf: £18.23, tri: (4-6-2) £53.86. 5.48: **Ginger Ninja** (3) 9-2, Ferel (4) 8-1, bf: £40.39, tri: (3-4-6) £111.73. 6.04: **Julie No Mates** (6) (res) 4-1, Annual Amber (3) 7-2, NR: Xamax Zoey (res), bf: £23.79, tri: (6-3-2) £58.96. 6.19: **Junieq** (2) 7-2, Holbrook Lisa (5) 6-1, bf: £32.68, tri: (2-5-4) £102.84. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £210.00, **(races 9-14)** £1,165.00.

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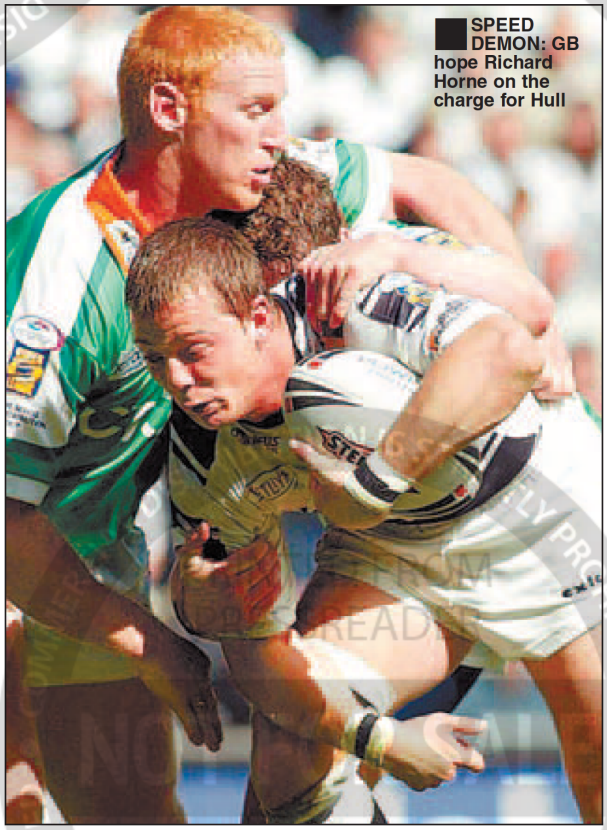

SPEED DEMON: GB hope Richard Horne on the charge for Hull

RICHARD HORNE is primed to turn up the heat on New Zealand after winning a recall to the Great Britain colours yesterday.

The Hull half-back's pace and direct running style will be key weapons in the Lions' search for the convincing victory they need at Huddersfield tomorrow to keep them in the Tri-Nations tournament.

Horne, who won the last of his eight caps in the 2003 Ashes series, has been drafted into the 18-man squad and will definitely be in coach Brian Noble's final 17 which will be announced an hour before kick-off.

Noble is also ready to give winger Leon Pryce a more influential role as Britain bid to exert maximum pressure on a Kiwi side which has a habit of switching off in games.

The British half-backs have been criticised for too much lateral running in the defeats to the Kiwis and Australia, but Horne can change all that .

Attack

His Hull coach John Kear said: "Richard is just the type of pivot we need for this game because he is very quick and takes the line on.

"He will cause major problems for the big Kiwi forwards.

"Unlike the present half-backs, he goes to the line and we have to attack the Kiwis.

"They have massive forwards, which is both a strength and a weaknesss because they will tire if Britain keep turning them round with good ruck speed – and Richard will help give them that.

"I reckon Britain have a very good chance, because I sense that New Zealand probably think they are already in the final. If we can get a roll, we can win by over 20 points and that will set us for the game against the Aussies the following week."

Horne's last appearance for the Lions was on the wing, but Noble said he would be closer to the action this time. Iestyn Harris could be the man he replaces.

Noble said: "He's a good rugby player. He brings speed, a line break and a depth of kicking game to the team. He's a threat.

"We were caught cold the first week, but we improved massively last Saturday and weren't far off a win.

Improve

"They understand that to get a win they've got to improve a little bit more. They're very determined. They're not talking about points difference or mathematical equations, because it won't mean anything unless we get a win."

SQUAD: Wellens; Carney, Gleeson, Senior, Pryce; Harris, Horne, Deacon; Fielden, Cunningham, Morley, Peacock (capt), Johnson, Sinfield, Higham,Thackray, Ellis, Walker.

■ by MARTIN RICHARDS

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IMPORTS HIT YOUNG STARS

MILLWARD: Worry

IAN MILLWARD is dead right to call for a strict quota of three overseas players per club if Britain are ever to match Australia at half-back – an area where the Kangaroos again had the edge last Saturday.

That area has been the biggest selection headache for GB coach Brian Noble in this Tri-Nations.

Wigan coach Millward said only five clubs had British half-backs last season when the emphasis should be on bringing the youngsters through.

He reinforced his point by saying that one Super League club will have 11 overseas players on its books next year and the competition would have a total of 120 imports.

A sizeable proportion of these imports are half-backs, denying home-grown youngsters their chance.

Pressure

Too often in recent years we've used loose-forwards at stand-off and where are the contenders to put pressure on scrum-halves Sean Long and Paul Deacon?

In contrast, the Aussies have Craig Gower, Scott Prince, Darren Lockyer and Trent Barrett on tour with them and can afford to leave the likes of Matt Orford, Brett Kimmorley, Brett Finch and Player of the Year Johnathan Thurston at home.

Lockyer is out of the competition with injury and Barrett is also a doubt, but they can move Prince back to stand-off in partnership with Gower and then snatch Craig Wing, one of the best dummy-half runners in the business, off a Hawaii beach to add to their replacements.

If only we had such luxuries.

BARRIE McDERMOTT goes on holiday with his best pal Terry O'Connor, plus families, this weekend and you can bet that 'Tez' will be down McDermott's ear trying to persuade him to come of retirement and help Widnes Vikings get back into Super League at the first attempt. McDermott wanted to play on for another year at Leeds but the Rhinos preferred him to join the coaching staff.

CASTLEFORD'S Grand Final hero Brad Davis, whose man-of-the-match performance took the Tigers back into Super League, is staying on as assistant to new coach Terry Matterson. North Queensland Cowboys skipper Travis Norton, Parramatta forward Joel Reddy and Manly half-back Michael Monaghan are said to be targets.

ST HELENS have appointed former Cronulla, St George, Huddersfield and Bradford back-row forward Alan Wilson as technical adviser.

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We're Tin it to win it

MIGHTY MIKE: England ace Tindall

■ by DEAN WILSON

MIKE TINDALL has warned his team-mates they will have to beat Australia not just once but twice if they are to get back to winning ways at Twickenham.

One year after his last appearance for England against the Aussies, Tindall is back to terrorise the midfield – and he knows just how hard it will be to win.

The Gloucester centre has faced Australia six times during his 41-cap England career and, having won four of them, he understands what it takes to topple the Wallabies.

Tindall said: "From the word go, we'll know we are in an international match against the Aussies. They are a great side whoever plays for them and they still know how to win.

"When you play Australia it is so hard to pull away from them and when you think you have, they just keep coming back.

"You never feel like you have beaten the Australians until the final whistle goes and you're still in front.

"Until then it is a case of trying to edge ahead over and over and each time they come back to try and snuff out their attacks.

"It is almost as if you have to beat them twice just to beat them once.

"They don't know the meaning of giving up – and it is the same for us.

"We have to go out there and set ourselves up to build a platform from where we can win the game. That will only happen with a good performance."

Passion

Tindall was injured for most of last season but a move from Bath to Gloucester in the summer has rekindled his passion, while a new England centre partner in Jamie Noon has got the 27-year-old buzzing again.

"Moving to Gloucester brought the enthusiasm back for me and that is so important," Tindall said.

"I can't wait to see how it goes with Noonie and how quickly we can gel."

EDDIE'S STEADY ON GREGAN

UNDER-FIRE Australia captain George Gregan will face England tomorrow but winger Wendell Sailor has been axed.

Head coach Eddie Jones has made five changes from last week's 26-16 defeat to France as the Wallabies attempt to end a six-game losing streak – their worst run of results since 1969.

Former rugby league ace Mat Rogers returns from the wing to fly-half, while Matt Giteau slips to the bench.

Queensland's Drew Mitchell takes Rogers' spot, while Mark Gerrard is preferred to Sailor. In the pack, Hugh McMeniman replaces Mark Chisholm and John Roe comes in for Rocky Elsom.

AUSTRALIA: C Latham; M Gerrard, L Tuqiri, M Turinui, D Mitchell; M Rogers, G Gregan (capt); M Dunning, B Cannon, A Baxter, N Sharpe, H McMeniman, J Roe, P Waugh, G Smith.

Joy for Brits as Tiger tails off

■ by PETER LAING

TIGER WOODS grabbed 10 birdies but still trailed Brits Nick Dougherty and Paul Lawrie in the HSBC Champions tournament in Shanghai yesterday.

England's Dougherty and Scot Lawrie, along with Australian Peter O'Malley, led Woods by a shot after the world No.1 picked up three bogeys, including one at the final hole, in his seven-under-par 65.

Despite his slip-ups – and the effort of competing with constant camera clicking – Woods had far more to smile about than Colin Montgomerie.

Going into his first tournament since clinching his eighth European Order of Merit, Monty warned he was "physically and mentally whacked".

Form

And that was the way it looked as the Scot struggled to a two-over-par 74, rounded off with a double-bogey six.

Scouser Dougherty, who had his first European Tour victory in Singapore in January, was in superb form in Asia's richest-ever event.

He birdied his first three holes, was six under after 10 and finished in real style with a four-iron to six feet for an eagle on the 538-yard 18th.

Dougherty, 23, said: "I'm extremely happy with my game. The progress I made last year is continuing.

"I idolise Tiger Woods. He is everything I would like to be."

Former Open winner Lawrie became joint leader when he finished with his eighth birdie.

Pakistan v England: Vaughan ruled out

TRESCO CAN MAKE MARC

MARCUS TRESCOTHICK was last night given the daunting task of replacing the injured Michael Vaughan as England skipper in the first Test against Pakistan.

Trescothick was told that was likely from the moment Vaughan crumpled to the ground in a heap clutching his right knee three days ago in England's match against Pakistan A in Lahore.

England had held out against making a quick decision on whether Vaughan's injury would rule him out of the three-match series, which starts tomorrow.

But it was confirmed last night that he will be unable to lead his Ashes heroes and the job will be filled by Trescothick.

■ from RODNEY WHITE in Multan

The Somerset batsman – who led England to victory in his sole Test in charge in similar circumstances against New Zealand at Lord's last year – knows he has a tough act to follow.

He admitted: "Michael has a superb record as captain and to lose him for the first Test is a major blow.

Honour

"But we can take strength from the fact that we have played some outstanding cricket over the past 18 months and we are all up for the challenge.

"It is always a great honour to lead your country. I have fond memories of doing the job against New Zealand at Lord's in 2004 and I am happy to take on the responsibility again."

This time, Trescothick will lead a team which has a vastly different look – particularly in the middle order – to that which beat the Kiwis after Vaughan suffered trouble in the same knee.

Out-of-form Ian Bell is the most obvious candidate to take the captain's batting spot at No.3 despite the arrival of Essex youngster Alastair Cook, hastily called up from England as cover.

While former captain Nasser Hussain, veteran Graham Thorpe and Mark Butcher were there the last time Trescothick led England, now it will be Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood and probably Bell.

Bell, 23, has struggled badly in recent appearances for England and was not chosen for their final warm-up match, where captain and coach were on record as saying the anticipated Test line-up was being fielded.

But he is determined not to let down a team who have hardly had the ideal preparation for what is sure to be a tough series.

"When your captain goes down, it is not a great thing," said Bell. "But we have a good squad and we hope all the guys who are not involved stay ready in case they are needed.

"We have enjoyed every minute of the tour so far. When you are in this part of the world you have to adapt very quickly."

Tough

Pakistan are expected to play a specialist spinner, Danish Kaneria, as well as all-rounder Shahid Afridi, alongside a three-man pace attack on a well-rolled and grassed pitch.

It looks sure to favour the batsmen for at least three days.

Pakistan have a point to prove against England, who beat them on their last visit and have won their last six Test series.

"It will be very tough, and England are on a high," said vice-captain Younis Khan. "But all the people who are writing us off are wrong.

"We have proved to the world we are an improving side and we are on our way to the top."

FROZEN OUT: Vaughan has to sit and watch with an ice pack on his knee while *(above)* Freddie Flintoff can't help clowning around

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Engraving seen on old building in York: "Man Utd are scum". **Jack S**

That vieara got some front. If anyones a cheating son of a bitch its gotta be him. **S.Haddock, Bromley**

Message 2 Argyle fans: Come join the revolution at St James Park!! I have, I'd 4gotton what it was like 2 c a ecent football team! **MikeRich**

have u noticed all the fishy people from skatesmouth gone quite cos team playing s****. Up the saints. **Shane d, S.F.C**

that scruffy little man at chelski said hed x-pect the sack if e lost 3 in a row, well am on ncastle lets c if hes full of apart from d obvious. **TOFFI**

HATS OFF TO LANCASHIRE, NO NOT MAN UTD, LIVERPOOL, ETC. I'M TALKING BOLTON AND WIGAN! COME ON WEST MIDLANDS WAKE UP! **UNCLE ALBERT**

Although I hate Man U, it was great to see the gob on 'The Bulls**t One' after his second defeat in a row. By the way Jose, you boobed taking Joe Cole off, as he was your most dangerous player. Your sub policy is sussed, throw 3 on and hope for the best. **JohnLFC4eva**

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SOCCER LINES

■ MANCHESTER CITY have made a cheeky £500,000 offer for Southampton wonder-boy Theo Walcott, knowing they have no chance if Chelsea, as expected, step in for the £5m-valued 16-year-old.

❑ **COLIN HENDRY has been relieved of his duties as Blackpool manager after just 17 months. Reserve team coach Simon Grayson is in temporary charge.**

■ ROTHERHAM midfielder Michael Keane will be out for six weeks after undergoing bowel surgery.

❑ **DEBT-RIDDEN Bournemouth are to sell and lease back their Dean Court ground after fans voted overwhelmingly for the scheme in a secret ballot.**

■ EVERTON have loaned former Cambridge keeper John Ruddy to Rushden.

❑ **MACCLESFIELD have transfer-listed striker Kevin Townson after failing to establish himself in the first team.**

■ WEST BROM have joined Bolton and Portsmouth in looking at centre-back Marcel Desailly, 36, just back from a stint in Qatar.

❑ **BRAZILIAN World Cup winner Carlos Dunga has taken a £1.1m stake in QPR. He bought shares formerly held by ex-chairman Bill Power.**

SERIOUSLY football

Van Nistelrooy blow for Fergie

IT'S RUUDY BAD LUCK!

SORRY BOSS: Ruud van Nistelrooy has given Sir Alex Ferguson another injury headache

■ by MARK OGDEN

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY has added to Sir Alex Ferguson's injury headache at Manchester United after suffering rib damage on Holland duty.

Van Nistelrooy, 29, is facing tests at United's Carrington training ground today after pulling out of the Dutch squad for tomorrow's friendly against Italy in Amsterdam.

The £19m striker was forced to jet back to Manchester after suffering the injury in training yesterday.

United boss Ferguson has seen his team's title hopes rocked by long-term injuries to key men Gary Neville, Gabriel Heinze, Ryan Giggs and skipper Roy Keane.

Return

And any lay-off for Van Nistelrooy would leave the Old Trafford boss with just one senior striker in Wayne Rooney as long-term absentees Louis Saha and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer are still on the sidelines.

Ferguson's only good news is that defender Neville is on course to return to the squad in time for the Premiership clash with Charlton at The Valley a week tomorrow.

England star Neville has been out of action since tearing his groin during the Champions League win against Debrecen in Budapest three months ago.

But the 30-year-old admits he is determined to prove his fitness ahead of the clash with Alan Curbishley's men.

Neville said: "I started training on Monday and I should be fit to play against Charlton but it's going to be hard to get back into the team.

"The likes of myself, Roy, Ryan, Gabriel and Ole now need to get back and help the others.

"When you are injured you feel helpless and I just want to start contributing."

Eric quit threat

■ by DAVE ARMITAGE

MISFIT Eric Djemba-Djemba is heading for showdown talks with Aston Villa boss David O'Leary.

The Cameroon international has revealed he is ready to cut and run on his career in England.

Djemba-Djemba arrived from Manchester United in a £1.3m deal 10 months ago after he failed to live up to claims he would be Roy Keane's successor.

But the 24-year-old has made just four substitute appearances for Villa this season and is fed up.

He said: "I want everyone to know that I am fit. I'm a professional but if I'm only here to train every day, then I'm wasting my time."

He is preparing to discuss his future with O'Leary, adding: "If that time comes then I want the manager to be honest with me and tell me I can leave.

"It would be easy for me to go to France because many teams know about me."

MENDIETA: Recall bid

World hopes on the Mend

■ by IAN MURTAGH

IN-FORM Middlesbrough midfielder Gaizka Mendieta has trained his sights on reviving his international career and playing in the World Cup.

The Spaniard has been snubbed by his country since losing his form during a disastrous 12 months with Lazio in Italy.

And his hopes of a recall appeared to vanish when he missed virtually all of last season after damaging cruciate ligaments.

But after a spectacular start to the campaign, he is now dreaming of a third successive World Cup appearance.

Spain are overwhelming favourites to beat Slovakia in the play-offs and clinch their place in the finals in Germany next summer.

And Mendieta believes it's not too late to push his own claim.

Finest

He said: "As a player, the World Cup is the biggest event you can be involved in and, even though there's a long way to go for me, I've never lost hope.

"I'd love to be back in the Spain squad."

He added: "Hopefully, everything else will come if I'm doing it for Boro."

Mendieta's stunning performance in the 4-1 win against Manchester United a fortnight ago was a throwback to his days at Valencia, when he was widely recognised as one of the continent's finest footballers.

"When I scored those two goals against United, it really made all the sacrifices worth it," he admitted.

"It was important to show what I could do in such a big game."

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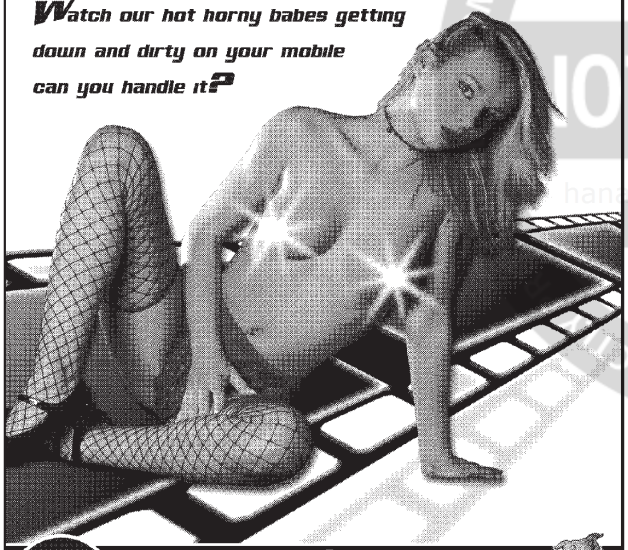

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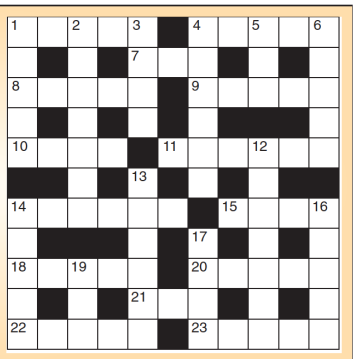
SPORTWORD

ACROSS

1. Scott ....., former Wales and British Lions centre (6)
4. Aston Villa and Czech striker (5)
7. and 4 down. Men's 200 metres world champion in 1997 (3,6)
8. John ....., West Ham and Ipswich Town manager (5)
9. Steve ....., QPR and Northern Ireland midfielder (5)
10. .... Smith, Wimbledon men's singles champion in 1972 (4)
11. ..... Fowler, Man City striker (6)
14. Premiership club based in London (6)
15. .... Clichy, Arsenal defender (4)
18. Make of car in which Jim Clark became world champion (5)
20. ..... Smith, former Hants and England batsman, brother of Chris (5)
21. Chris ..., ex-Wasps and England wing (3)
22. Snooker world champion in 2002 (5)
23. Peter ....., New Zealand athlete who won three Olympic gold medals (5)

DOWN

1. Warwickshire and England spinner (5)
2. ..... Lane, home of Sheffield United (7)
3. Mika ...., Finnish racing driver (4)
4. See 7 across.
5. Red ..., Grand National winner on three occasions (3)
6. ..... O'Neill, women's 200 metres freestyle Olympic champion in 2000 (5)
12. Titus ....., Newcastle United defender (7)
13. Tom ....., Open golf champion on five occasions (6)
14. Women's javelin Olympic champion in 1988 (5)
16. Ivan ....., Czech born former tennis player (5)
17. .... Kin, Derby winner in 2003 (4)
19. ... Edgar, former show-jumper, husband of Liz (3)



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TIME FOR A TRUCE: Mourinho and Wenger have been told to end their row

EXCLUSIVE by DAVID WOODS

No Mour feuding

ARSENAL and Chelsea have agreed the squabbling between their bosses Arsene Wenger and Jose Mourinho must stop.

The League Managers' Association stepped into the dispute last week amid fears the FA and Premier League could crack down hard on both managers.

Last night, the LMA's chief executive John Barnwell revealed: "We have spoken to the important people in both clubs and the concensus was that both clubs want to draw a line under it."

Wenger and Mourinho's rowing looked set to get out of hand. Portuguese coach Mourinho called his French rival a "sick voyeur" with a Chelsea obsession.

The Arsenal boss responded by labelling Mourinho "stupid" and threatening legal action.

Barnwell added: "We have been in consultation with the Premier League and the FA because we hoped it would not be necessary for them to take the matter further. We defend the right for managers to have an opinion and that they should be allowed to express that opinion but they must also act in a professional manner.

Bed

"There are regulations, both at the Premier League and FA, which could have been invoked.

"But they gave us an opportunity to try to deal with it and hopefully the matter can now be put to bed." Wenger and Mourinho have previously been punished for outbursts by the FA.

In March, Mourinho was fined £5,000 for claiming Manchester United players had cheated in their League Cup clash at Stamford Bridge.

Last December, Wenger was fined treble that for making a similar suggestion about United's striker Ruud van Nistelrooy.

It's all over as Thatch is snubbed

by GEORGE SCOTT

BEN THATCHER'S international career looks over after he was snubbed by Wales manager John Toshack for next Wednesday's friendly with Cyprus in Limassol.

Toshack and the 29-year-old Manchester City full-back fell out before Wales' final two World Cup qualifiers last month. Thatcher didn't want to travel to Cardiff to have an ankle injury assessed. As a compromise, the left-back was seen by a national team doctor in Manchester.

Then the two had a phone row in which it was claimed that the player did not want to play against Poland, after his ban following an alleged stamping incident when the countries met in October 2004.

Thatcher claimed that Toshack accused him of being "scared". He said at the time: "I won't be spoken to like that. The manager has questioned my commitment and credibility in public."

Ended

The former Spurs and Wimbledon man declared himself unavailable for the Northern Ireland and Azerbaijan matches – both won by Wales, but stressed he wanted to play again for Wales. Toshack has now ended all hope of that.

SQUAD: P Jones (Wolves), Margetson (Cardiff), Price (Ipswich), D Collins (Sunderland), J Collins (W Ham), Delaney (A Villa), Duffy (Coventry), Edwards (Wolves), Gabbidon (W Ham), Page (Coventry), Partridge (Bristol C), Ricketts (Swansea), G Roberts (Tranmere), Fletcher (W Ham), Koumas (Cardiff), Robinson (Sunderland), Vaughan (Crewe), Williams (W Ham), Bellamy (Blackburn), Earnshaw (W Brom), Hartson (Celtic).

5 FOR FUN

1. Ruben Wiki, who recently became the most capped rugby league international of all time, plays for which country?
2. Name the former Arsenal midfielder who is Paul Gascoigne's assistant at Kettering Town.
3. Name the last Englishman to manage an FA Cup-winning team.
4. On which golf course would you find the Ben Hogan Bridge?
5. With which sport would you associate the terms 'high house' and 'low house'?

Answers: Page 69

DWIGHT YORKE only has to glance across the dressing-room at Sydney FC and dream of World Cup glory. The 34-year-old striker's club coach is Pierre Littbarski, who helped West Germany lift the trophy in 1990. Despite a glittering career with Manchester United, Yorke has never scaled the heights at international level.

That could soon change as Trinidad and Tobago are two games from a place in the finals for the first time. They face Bahrain in the first leg of a play-off tomorrow and Yorke is in form with five goals in eight starts for the Australian club. Littbarski said: "Everyone at Sydney is hoping he can make it because he has been great for us."

SERIOUSLY football

Clubs target Venables

RACE IS ON FOR TERRY

VENABLES: On way back

TERRY VENABLES is in demand again – on the domestic and international managerial fronts.

by BILL THORNTON

The former England coach, a front-runner to be the new Republic of Ireland boss, is also on Portsmouth's list of possibles.

And Venables, 62, who last worked in management at Leeds nearly three years ago, is also being considered as a future replacement for Neil Warnock, at Sheffield United.

Uneasy

Starsport revealed this week that Pompey are set to sack under-pressure Frenchman Alain Perrin if results don't improve over the next three weeks.

Warnock, who has an uneasy relationship with the Blades board, despite steering United to pole position in the Championship, is also on Pompey owner Milan Mandaric's list.

But sources say Venables is the No.1 choice and that Warnock is most likely to end up at Plymouth next season if new boss Tony Pulis doesn't transform their fortunes.

Warnock, who managed Argyle from 1995-97, has a home in Cornwall, where he returns each week, despite the long journey from South Yorkshire.

Venables, who has vast managerial experience after spells at QPR, Barcelona, Tottenham and Leeds, worked at Portsmouth, with Terry Fenwick, in the late 90s.

He is said to be champing at the bit for yet another crack at management and it might be that he is keeping the Republic of Ireland on hold until Perrin's fate is known.

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IT'S A DANNY OLD GAME

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MORE BAR HUMBUG

FA CHIEF executive Brian Barwick has only really been in the public gaze on two occasions.

The first was when he suggested Alan Smith had not done his England career any good by playing for Manchester United reserves instead of August's friendly with Denmark.

The next day, Sven Goran Eriksson apologised for his cock-up and claimed Smith's future was bright, which is why he has been in England squads ever since. So you would have thought Barwick would have been careful this week in a round of interviews.

But when he was talking about the chances of Wembley being finished in time for the FA Cup final next year, his flippant reply was: "I am not sure which stadium the FA Cup will be at, but one thing's for sure – I will be there."

Great. That's what fans who will end up paying for Wembley through expensive tickets wanted to hear.

BARWICK: Flippant reply

Sven in middle muddle

AT last an England player is brave enough to speak the truth.

Playing a natural central defender as a holding midfielder is not the way for England to take on the world.

But try telling Sven Goran Eriksson that.

After watching Tottenham skipper Ledley King play that role against Poland in the last World Cup qualifier of England's campaign, the Swede has decided that this will be his great tactical masterstroke to play against the most powerful sides next summer.

It was only a few weeks before that though, after beating Wales playing David Beckham in a withdrawn quarter-back role, he thought the 4-5-1 formation was Plan B for the World Cup.

Sense

And the FA wonder why we think that the £4m-a-season England boss is making it up as he goes along!

Thankfully, someone as experienced as Sol Campbell has seen sense and offered an alternative view.

When asked directly whether a central defender can play the holding midfield role at international level, his answer was: "I really think you have got to be playing there all of the time, or at least in that vicinity.

"To really master the position you need to spend all season there. It's one of the most important positions in the team.

"It is the kind of player you need when going into a World Cup. It's someone who can break down attacks and start attacks for his team.

"You have to be able to look after the lads. It is a crucial role in any team."

Not King then, or Jamie Carragher, one of Eriksson's other alternatives.

Give him a chance and he might have his other favourite, Owen Hargreaves, in the side.

While generally ineffective in an England shirt, at least Hargreaves knows what it is like playing that role for a club as big as Bayern Munich.

King has only ever played there 12 times for Tottenham – and he did not like it.

He is not a natural in that position and to beat the likes of Brazil and Argentina at the World Cup, everything the England players will have to do will be instinctive.

The tactical idea of playing with an out-and-out anchor man is not wrong and there may not be an outstanding candidate in England's ranks for the role, which has forced Eriksson into this compromise.

But there has to be something better than this. As Campbell quite rightly says, you have to be familiar with the job.

For me, the best alternative would probably be to play Steven Gerrard there at the base of a diamond, or behind a flat three in front of him.

It might take some time leading into the tournament to get him disciplined enough to play that role but, in the weeks at the end of the season, Eriksson will have that. Gerrard is now mature enough to handle the tactical change and will have to curb his attacking instincts for the sake of the country.

Otherwise, give Scott Parker a chance. Apparently he gives the ball away too much – but then so did King against the Poles.

If Eriksson persists with this foolhardy notion, then here is another suggestion.

Of all the central defenders now fit and experienced at playing for England, Rio Ferdinand is considered to be the best on the ball.

WRONG MAN: Ledley King

Calm

He proved at the last World Cup how calm and composed he is under pressure.

Ferdinand may not be in his best form and Eriksson was right to drop him for the Austria game.

But he can certainly play and grew up as a midfielder in his early teens, until he was moved back to a central defensive role.

His early coaching in that position, though, explains why he can be so dangerous coming out of defence – and why he has an eye for a pass.

It is odd to see why Eriksson considers King to be a better option in that position than Ferdinand.

But then again, a lot of Eriksson's decisions over the last five years have been bizarre.

You can just add this latest one to the list.

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ENGLAND v ARGENTINA: Rival hails hitmen

STRIKER DELIGHT: Owen celebrates a goal with Rooney and *(inset)* is chopped down by Ayala in France 98

OWEN 'N WAYNE ARE BEST IN WORLD

says Argentina hardman ROBERTO AYALA

ROBERTO AYALA last night admitted Argentina are expecting a rough ride at the hands of Michael Owen and Wayne Rooney tomorrow.

The Argie defender claims England's Owen and Rooney partnership is the best combination in world football.

And the Valencia legend should know – he has first-hand knowledge of Owen.

Ayala was one of the defenders the Newcastle striker rounded as an 18-year-old on his way to scoring that stunning goal in the 1998 World Cup.

And although England and the Argies are arch-enemies, Ayala can't speak highly enough of Owen and wonderkid Rooney.

He said: "England are very strong. They have many skills and it will be a very good test for this team.

"Owen and Rooney are very special – they are very important and probably the best partnership in the world.

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK

"Rooney is a remarkable player. He is the best talent I have seen in a long time. He is not a typical English player – he is very special.

"He has great movement, vision and passing. He scores spectacular goals and has a temperament as well.

"All of the big players have a temper. You need that to be special. If you take it away, you take away the player.

Talented

"He can do special things at the World Cup. I saw him at Euro 2004 and he was so young and yet so talented that he was probably the best player in the tournament.

"England now have a player who can give them something special, something different, and that will make them successful. He is unpredictable.

"To win tournaments you need big players. Brazil have many special players – Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Robinho. Italy have Totti. That is what sets them apart and now England have another.

"Everyone remembers Owen for the goal he scored in France 98 and it was a great goal which marked him down as a great player.

"But Owen will not want to be remembered for that goal alone. He must not be if he wants to be successful for England.

"Success at a World Cup means winning the trophy for countries like England and Argentina.

"He was fresh, exciting and young. Now time has passed and people know he has the talent – we definitely do. He is a great player who will give defenders problems with his pace.

"Owen has now played for a big club like Real Madrid and proved he can score goals and will be a better player for that now."

Ayala believes England's main problem is the burden of their history. He added: "England have two brilliant forwards and they have a midfield among the best in the world as well.

"But it has been a long time since they have played to their potential at a World Cup and that is what is holding them back.

"They could not take it further. It seems they can raise their game for battles against Argentina because they are such special matches because of the history between the countries.

Chance

"But to be really special is to go on and win the tournament.

"They played well against us in the last World Cup and they were motivated to win.

"But they were not good enough to win the tournament. They have a better team now, the tournament is in Europe and they have a chance.

"We would love to play them again next summer. Whoever would win that match can definitely win the trophy."

Information Station

GOLF

European Tour HSBC Champions Tournament (Shanghai) – **1st rd leaders** (GB and Irl unless stated, par 72): **64** N Dougherty, P O'Malley (Aus), Paul Lawrie. **65** D Howell, R-J Derksen (Ned), T Woods (USA), KJ Choi (Kor). **66** M Campbell (Nzl), K Ferrie. **67** N O'Hern (Aus), T Jaidee (Tha), T Bjorn (Den), V Singh (Fij), T Wiratchant (Tha), Z Lian-wei (Chn), I Poulter, P Casey. **68** S Wakefield, R Lee (Nzl), C Schwartzel (SA), J Bickerton. **Selected others: 69** P Harrington. **70** M A Jimenez (Spa), T Levet (Fra), L Westwood, N Fasth (Swe), G McDowell. **72** S Webster. **73** P McGinley, B Lane, S Dodd, S Lyle. **74** C Montgomerie. **75** N Cheetham. **76** P Broadhurst, M Warren. **77** B Dredge.

Japan Tour VISA Masters (Taiheiyo Golf Club) – **1st rd leaders** (Jpn unless stated, par 72): **66** D Clarke (Nlrl), H Kase, C Pena (USA). **Slected others: 74** J Leonard (USA). **75** B Watson (USA).

SNOOKER

Malta Cup (Prestatyn) – **final qualifying rd:** R Milkins (Eng) bt J Cope (Eng) 5-3, D Dale (Wal) bt R Walden (Eng) 5-1, A Carter (Eng) bt M Campbell (Sco) 5-3, G Greene (Nlrl) bt R Day (Wal) 5-1, N Bond (Eng) bt F O'Brien (Irl) 5-3, J Wattana (Tha) bt M Judge (Irl) 5-2.

TENNIS

WTA Tour Ch'ships (Los Angeles) – **Group A:** L Davenport (USA) bt P Schnyder (Swi) 6-3 7-5. **Group B:** M Pierce (Fra) bt E Dementieva (Rus) 6-2 6-3, A Mauresmo (Fra) bt K Clijsters (Bel) 6-3 7-6 (7-4).

TODAY'S DIARY

FOOTBALL

(7.45pm unless stated)

European U-21 Ch'ship Play-Off First Leg

Czech Rep v Germany (6.45)
England v France (7.30)
Hungary v Italy (7.30)

Coca-Cola League One

Swindon v Bristol City

Coca-Cola League Two

Grimsby v Macclesfield
Mansfield v Bury
Rushden & D's v Boston Utd

Bell's Scottish League – Division Two: Ayr v Raith. **Division Three:** East Stirling v Queens Park (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

International

Wales v Fiji (7.05)

Guinness Premiership: Newcastle v London Irish (7.45), Sale v Worcester (8pm).

YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD

ACROSS: 1 Gilberto, 7 Heath, 8 Baker, 9 Botham, 10 Cort, 12 Lomu, 14 Warren, 17 Rugby, 18 Agori, 19 Williams. DOWN: 1 Grant, 2 Lehman, 3 Ebbw, 4 Tokyo, 5 The Belfry, 6 Britannia, 11 Camara, 13 Magri, 15 Roots, 16 Eyal.

FIVE FOR FUN

1 New Zealand, 2 Paul Davis, 3 Joe Royle (Everton 1995), 4 Augusta (home of US Masters), 5 Clay pigeon shooting.

Taylor injury shaker

■ by ALISTAIR GRANT

PETER TAYLOR was defiant last night despite **HALF** his England Under-21s team being ruled out of their crunch tie with France.

Charlton's ace midfielder Jerome Thomas became the latest crock to pull out of the European Championship play-off at White Hart Lane tonight and in Nancy on Tuesday.

West Ham midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker, Spurs winger Aaron Lennon, Newcastle defender Steven Taylor and Wigan left-back Leighton Baines are also set to miss out.

But Hull boss Taylor insisted: "Our confidence is high despite the injuries."

Charlton forward Darren Bent and Manchester United midfielder Kieran Richardson have dropped down to the U21s and now have the chance to impress Sven Goran Eriksson.

France include Arsenal's Gael Clichy and Chelsea midfielder Lassana Diarra.

ENGLAND (probable): Carson (Liverpool); Taylor (Wigan), Dawson (Tottenham), Ferdinand (West Ham), Whittingham (Aston Villa), Ambrose (Charlton), Huddlestone (Wolves), Richardson (Manchester United), O'Neil (Portsmouth), Bent (Charlton), C. Cole (Chelsea).

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COUNTDOWN TO ENGLAND V ARGENTINA: Eriksson

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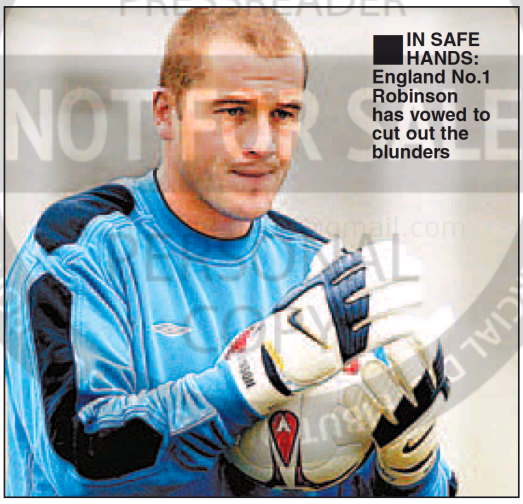

IN SAFE HANDS: England No.1 Robinson has vowed to cut out the blunders

Robbo's No.1 goal to keep gaffes at bay

PAUL ROBINSON has vowed there is no way he will copy David Seaman's pony-tail hairstyle – or his blunders.

Arsenal legend Seaman finished the last World Cup in tears as he allowed Brazil star Ronaldinho's freak free-kick to catch him out – and send England crashing out.

David James took over for almost two years, but now Robbo is England's confirmed No.1 – and he plans to keep away from as many dodgy hairstyles, and mistakes, as possible.

Both Yorkshiremen, the Tottenham keeper has turned to Seaman for advice in the past, but Robinson is delighted his big mate has finally ditched the pony-tail live on TV for charity.

Robbo said: "I still speak to Dave. I play in his golf tournament and still see him now and again. He's been an excellent goalkeeper over the years and if I can achieve as much as he did over my career I'll be very happy.

"I just get the odd call and text message, just to say 'keep going' and stuff. He's just good to have around. Getting his hair cut was well before time as that is one thing I will not be copying!"

When Seaman's mistake against Brazil was mentioned, Robbo added: "You have to be very mentally strong. You are there to be shot at and that's part of the game you just have to accept.

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK

Critic

"You just have to make sure it doesn't happen and if it does happen – maybe for reasons that are out of your control, nobody means to do it – you have to expect the criticism that will follow.

"You have to be a strong person and, maybe to become the England No.1, you have to be harder on yourself. You have to be your own biggest critic. The day you start to listen to other people outside your coaches and your manager, that's when you've got a problem.

"The World Cup is the biggest stage for every footballer. Every kid dreams of playing there. It's an old cliche, but I'm no different.

"You can't go into games thinking about the impact of a mistake. If you go into games worried about that, thinking 'what'll happen if I do this or do that?' you'll be finished before you've started. Every game's got to be positive and I'm confident in my own ability.

"I've always wanted to be the No.1 and I've always aspired to be. It was what I dreamt of when I was growing up, although you never think it's going to happen. When it did, it was a case of realising what I'd done and working hard to stay there."

Robinson produced a brilliant save from John Hartson in the Wales game, which turned out to be crucial with England winning only 1-0 and then going on to lose against Northern Ireland.

But then in recent weeks he has made mistakes against both Manchester United and Arsenal, which has proved he is as human as any other goalkeeper.

He added: "It's a very lonely position. When you make a mistake there are not generally many people behind you to help.

"A big part of the goalkeeper's game is learning from your mistakes. A lot of it is self-taught and you learn from your own mistakes by watching videos and things. I don't think you can just brush things under the carpet. You have to get to the bottom of what happened.

"Once it's happened it's gone. On Monday morning you'll look at the video again, but at the end of the day, whatever's done is done. If you start letting it affect you, it affects you during the game.

"Playing for the national team, you have just got to limit your mistakes and make sure that it doesn't happen. I've had two isolated incidents recently, but hopefully it's gone now."

ROO'S HAVIN' A LAUGH: Wayne Rooney has to leap in the air to high five Peter Crouch in training

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goal king puts his faith in boo boys' target

Nationwide

CAN BE HIGH AND MIGHTY

says MICHAEL OWEN

from BRIAN WOOLNOUGH in Geneva

MICHAEL OWEN looked up to Peter Crouch yesterday – and down on anyone who doesn't think England can win the World Cup.

Owen chose the build-up to tomorrow's intriguing test against Argentina here to make his strongest defence yet of the players Sven Goran Eriksson will take to Germany next year.

That includes Crouch, the £7m beanpole striker who has yet to score for Liverpool and who is ridiculed by fans up and down the country.

Owen, more relaxed than he has been for years and clearly loving his return to the Premiership with Newcastle, says Crouch and England are going to surprise the doubters.

"People knocking Crouch simply don't understand what he brings to teams," says Owen. "Those who play with him all can't be wrong.

"I have spoken to my three closest friends from my days at Liverpool – Dietmar Hamann, Steven Gerrard and Jamie Redknapp – and they all say he is very good.

Different

"When he starts to score goals and hit top form he will surprise a few people. Maybe he lacks confidence and I do get the impression that the criticism might affect him.

"For some players it is like water off a duck's back and clearly the criticism is not helping Crouch. There will be a lot of people in the game not surprised when he starts scoring.

"You can't compare him to other strikers because he is a different type. The Premiership has also changed and Crouch is definitely someone who can hurt certain defences in different circumstances."

England coach Eriksson clearly wants to take Crouch to the World Cup as an 'alternative' striker when things go wrong and don't be surprised to see the 6ft 7ins striker come on against Argentina tomorrow night. He is lined up to be England's supersub.

This is a match Eriksson wants to win to boost morale and confidence and Owen makes it clear, as he heads towards his third World Cup and fifth major tournament, this is the best England team he has known.

He said: "The first time I played against Argentina was in 1998 when we were experienced,with a lot of senior players at their last big tournament.

"In 2002, when we beat Argentina, we were not so experienced. At the moment we are in the middle and getting better.

"This side has a bit of everything, the ability is fantastic. Make no mistake, this is a top team.

"We have no fear of anyone and that includes Argentina and Brazil. We are not out to prove a point against Argentina although of course it would be good to win. Everything rolls into one when an England team is winning. When you lose, question marks crop up everywhere.

"How we play is just as significant as the result. Now we have qualified we have to move collectively forward. We can gauge how we are doing against one of the top sides.

"I like to look at other countries and wonder how they are feeling. Do Italy and Spain say the same things when they lose or go out of a World Cup. It is not right for people to think we are the only team with deficiencies.

"Yes, it's heartbreaking to go out of tournaments on penalty shoot-outs but we are not the only ones who exist, not the only ones who hurt. Other nations feel as low as us.

"Every country at this moment is thinking of winning the World Cup. There can only be one winner.

"If you asked the entire world most would say Brazil. Yes, they have great attacking players, but we have some of the best defenders in the world. I'd fancy us to score against them.

"This Argentina match will be great because both sides will fancy it. A lot of teams realise they are not so good as their opponents and make it difficult. They attempt to spoil and make it horrible to watch and play in. It is no coincidence that when Argentina, Brazil or Germany meet England they are great contests.

Attitude

"The game has got faster, players are fitter and more tactically aware and it's becoming more difficult to beat lowly sides. Argentina have not come here to defend and, like us, they will want to beat one of the top nations heading towards the World Cup."

Owen is happy to be home and it shows in his attitude and football. He is scoring goals and enjoying renewing his old England partnership with Alan Shearer. "We both know what each other are about. He's in his final year and it's great to be alongside him.

"I have partnered many different players and it's good to play with a big, strong fearless partner like Alan. It has been enjoyable and I'm loving my football at the moment."

No Shearer tomorrow for England. First Wayne Rooney alongside Owen and then another glimpse of Crouch. Owen tells us not to worry and that it will all come good in Germany.

In the new confident mood he showed yesterday, we must believe him.

LITTLE 'N LARGE: Owen gets a pat from Crouch after scoring against Colombia in New York this summer

Stick with tall guy, Sven

■ by DAVE ARMITAGE

THE last player to get the Peter Crouch treatment believes the Liverpool ace is a cert to go to the World Cup.

And 6ft 5ins, Ian Ormondroyd – nicknamed 'Sticks' because of his long, spindly legs – believes Crouch will never get the respect he deserves.

"That's the way it is when you are so tall," says the former Bradford, Leicester and Derby striker who spent time under former England boss Graham Taylor at Aston Villa – just like Crouch.

"Peter probably already knows he can't do things and get the same credit as a little fella gets.

"When I was at Villa, the gaffer said that if I ran down the wing, passed a defender and then put a cross into a great position and no-one was there, I'd get booed.

"But Tony Daley could do exactly the same and put his cross into the crowd and get applauded. He just looked stylish while I was never going to."

Ormondroyd believes £7m Anfield star Crouch could turn out to be Sven Goran Eriksson's secret weapon and already has one size-12 foot on the plane to Germany.

"All he needs is a goal. I can understand everything he is going through, but he's a much better player than I was.

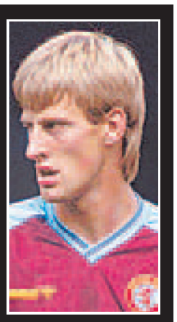
Ability

"Peter has an awful lot of ability and he's got an eye for goal. I don't think he'll ever be prolific but he'll get enough and his contribution to the team will be more than enough."

Ormondroyd, now with Bradford City's football in the community scheme, added: "I think Crouch has a lot more than people want to see.

"He's had stick but I think he's a really good player.

"No-one would relish playing against him."



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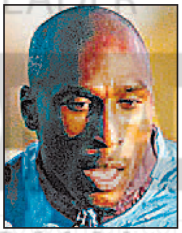

CAMPBELL: Left out

Rio's in as Sol is axed

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had faith in Ferdinand, and drafted him straight back into the squad after he served his eight-month ban and missed Euro 2004 for failing to turn up for a drugs test.

But even Eriksson looked like he had had enough of his indifferent form and was going to give Campbell a run in the team, after he helped Arsenal qualify for the Champions League knockout stages.

Obviously the Swede has decided to give the world's most expensive defender just a slapped wrist, in a bid to provoke a positive reaction.

Hurt

Ferdinand admitted he never saw the axe coming ahead of the Austria game and was hurt, but vowed to win his place back.

The selections also confirm John Terry's place as Eriksson's No.1 central defender.

Rio trained yesterday at United's Carrington complex in the first eleven, before flying out with the rest of the squad to Switzerland.

Ledley King also came through the session unscathed, along with flu victim Frank Lampard.

Eriksson is clearly prepared to take a risk with Bridge, who has played only one first-team game for Chelsea this season.

A Real chance

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tomorrow night "fantastic, unbelievable and mentally strong".

Owen rates it as the best England side he has played in. "If this team plays to its maximum, with everyone on song, than it can beat anyone.

"We don't fear any side, and that includes Brazil and Argentina.

"We all have to peak together but we have a great chance of going to Germany and winning."

Owen, clearly loving his move to Newcastle, added: "If we beat Argentina it will guarantee a great send-off for the team and raise the confidence and expectancy of the whole country."

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England are REAL deal roars Owen

■ from BRIAN WOOLNOUGH in Geneva

MICHAEL OWEN has told England fans to get ready for the **REAL** deal at the World Cup next year.

Owen says England are so good they are much better than the Real Madrid squad he has just left behind to return to the Premiership with Newcastle.

"Madrid have the Galactico thing with a team of world class players, but so do England. The rest of the Madrid squad are hard working pros, not a patch on the England players underneath the first team.

OWEN: Better than Real

Play

"It is hard to compare and would be interesting to see Chelsea play England or Real take on Spain.

"It can't happen. I just know the 23 in this England squad are top, top players."

Owen calls the England team who begin their World Cup countdown against Argentina here

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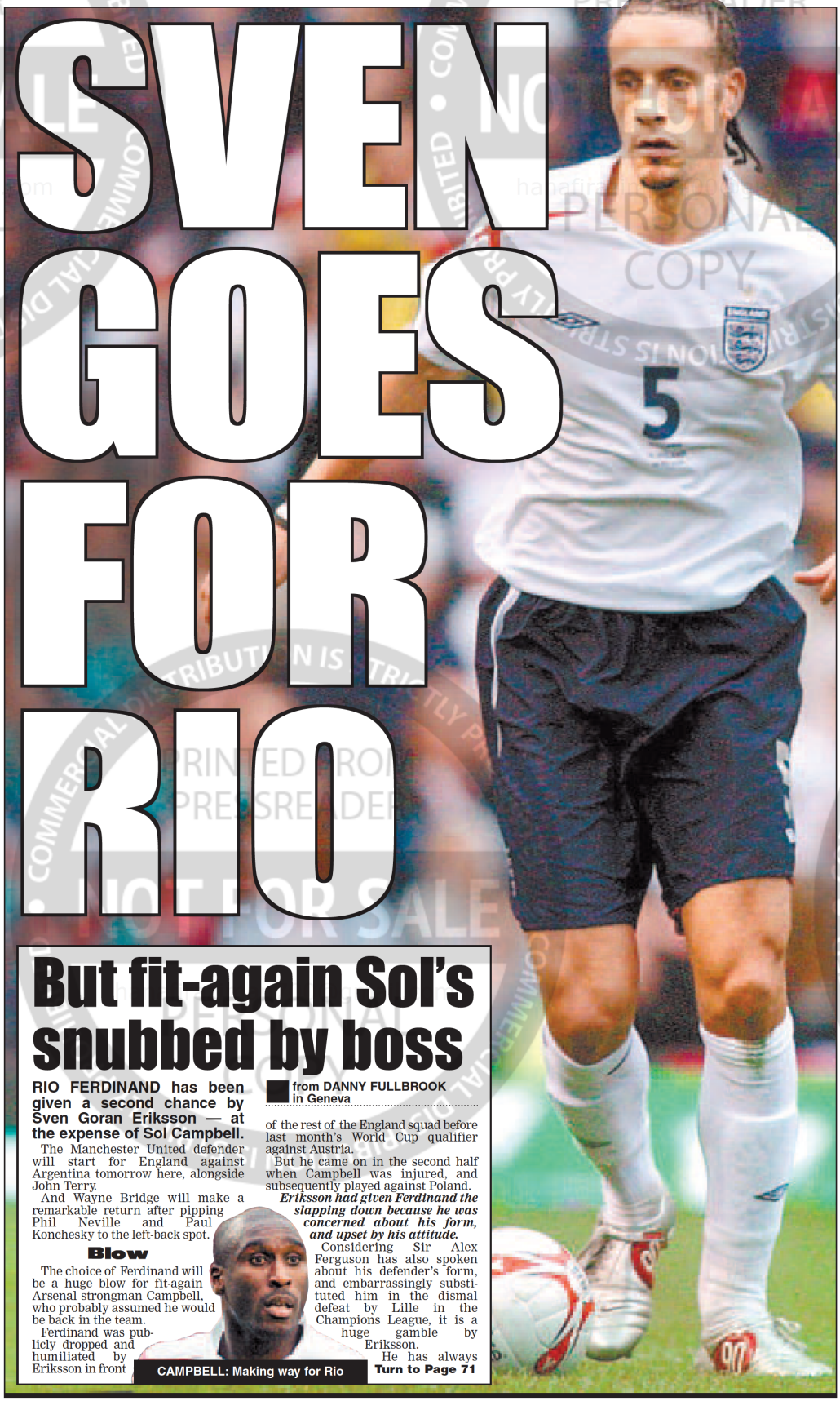

But fit-again Sol's snubbed by boss

■ from DANNY FULLBROOK in Geneva

RIO FERDINAND has been given a second chance by Sven Goran Eriksson — at the expense of Sol Campbell.

The Manchester United defender will start for England against Argentina tomorrow here, alongside John Terry.

And Wayne Bridge will make a remarkable return after pipping Phil Neville and Paul Konchesky to the left-back spot.

Blow

The choice of Ferdinand will be a huge blow for fit-again Arsenal strongman Campbell, who probably assumed he would be back in the team.

Ferdinand was publicly dropped and humiliated by Eriksson in front of the rest of the England squad before last month's World Cup qualifier against Austria.

But he came on in the second half when Campbell was injured, and subsequently played against Poland.

Eriksson had given Ferdinand the slapping down because he was concerned about his form, and upset by his attitude.

Considering Sir Alex Ferguson has also spoken about his defender's form, and embarrassingly substituted him in the dismal defeat by Lille in the Champions League, it is a huge gamble by Eriksson.

He has always

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CAMPBELL: Making way for Rio

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